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# KRNCEVIC TO GO HOME?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Australian international striker Eddie Krncevic may leave Marconi and return to Melbourne during the off-season.

South Melbourne Hellas is interested in signing him. Hellas, which is confident of being retained by the PSL, plans to field a team made up mainly of young, local players rather than imports next year. And Krncevic, who turned 19 on August 14, is reported to be missing his family, which lives in Melbourne.

If Krncevic joins Hellas, he will link up with former team mates Alan Davidson and George Christopoulos. The three were in the Australian team that competed in World Youth Championship qualifying matches in New Zealand and Paraguay.

Krncevic has been by far the best first-year Philips League player of 1979.

Marconi bought him for \$9,000 from Victorian State League club Essendon Croatia early this year.

He scored 18 goals in league and cup games for Croatia in 1978 and he scored 12 for Marconi before last weekend.

Krncevic played seven World Youth Championship games for Australia, one full international against New Zealand and was a member of the Australian Eleven that lost 0-1 to Partizan Belgrade in Sydney.

Marconi's agreement with Croatia stipulates that Croatia must get one third of any fee paid for Krncevic if Marconi sells him.

Croatia also has first option of buying Krncevic back for \$9,000 — the price Marconi paid for him. The option expires at the end of 1981.

Marconi also agreed to play two matches against Croatia, which would receive the proceeds. There were no proceeds from the first game, in Sydney, but Croatia hopes for a big crowd for the return game in Melbourne when league and Cup games are over.

Krncevic was married recently to Debbie, whom he met in the United States last year while he was touring with the Australian Schoolboys squad.

## NSW new national champion

New South Wales has replaced Victoria as the under 16 champion of Australia.

Victoria lost its title when it was beaten 2-1 by South Australia in the semi-final at St. George Stadium.

NSW took the crown by beating South Australia 3-0 in the final, with Steve Calderan notching a hat-trick.

Victoria gained consolation by winning the under 14 national championship in Adelaide, where captain Tony Owen was voted best player of the series and striker Steve Gojevic finished top scorer.

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Argentina  
scores  
15 to one

From PETER BENT  
in Tokyo

Like the World Cup last year, the World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup has developed into a confrontation between Europe and South America.

The two continents will oppose each other in the final to be played in Tokyo on Friday.

This was assured on Sunday night when defending champion the Soviet Union, Poland, Argentina and Uruguay won their quarter-finals.

In the semi-finals which were scheduled for Tuesday (yesterday), Poland met the Soviet Union and Argentina clashed with Uruguay.

Argentina was the highest-scoring team going into the semi-finals, with a total of 15 goals to one.

Quarter-final details:  
Spain 0 Poland 0 A.E.T., Poland 4-3 on pens.  
Paraguay 2 (Julio Romero, Achucarro) USSR 2 (Dumansky, Ponomarev), USSR 6-5 on pens.  
Argentina 5 (Diaz 3, Maradona, Calderon) Algeria 0.  
Portugal 0 Uruguay 1 (Paz).

Standings after the preliminary rounds:  
Group details:

GROUP A: Mexico 1 (Hernandez) Algeria 1 (Yahi), Spain 1 (Zuniga) Japan 0, Spain 2 (Lequin, Gull Mexico 1 (Diaz), Japan 0 Algeria 0, Algeria 1 (Bendjaballah) Spain 0, Japan 1 (Mizunuma) Mexico 1 (Armando Romero).

GROUP B: Poland 2 (Palasz, Frankowski) Yugoslavia 0, Argentina 5 (Diaz 3, Maradona 2) Indonesia 0, Argentina 1 (Escudero) Yugoslavia 0, Poland 2 (Palasz 2, Jostic, Baran 2, Buda) Indonesia 0, Argentina 4 (Calderon 2, Maradona, Simon) Poland 1 (Palasz), Yugoslavia 5 (Milosavljevic 2, Srejic, Milinovic) Indonesia 0.

GROUP C: Canada 3 (Segota 2, Nagy) Portugal 1 (Gull), Paraguay 3 (Cabanas 2, Julio Romero) South Korea 0, Portugal 1 (Nascimento) Paraguay 0, South Korea 1 (Lee Tae Hui) Canada 0, Paraguay 3 (Julio Romero 2, Isasi) Canada 0, Portugal 0, South Korea 0.

GROUP D: USSR 5 (Ponomarev, Stukashov, Zavarov, Taran 2) Hungary 1 (Kardos), Uruguay 5 (Vargas 2, Molina, Revelez, Paz) Guinea 0, Uruguay 2 (Vargas, Paz) Hungary 0, USSR 3 (Olefinenko, Mikhalevsky, Radenko) Guinea 0, Uruguay 1 (Martinez) Uruguay 0, Hungary 2 (Segasvari, Kereszky) Guinea 0.

Top scorers: 6. Diaz (Arg); 4. Palasz (Pol), Maradona (Arg), Julio Romero (Par); 3. Vargas (Ur), Paz (Ur), Calderon (Arg); 2. Segota (Can), Cabanas (Par), Baran (Pol), Taran (USSR), Ponomarev (USSR), Milosavljevic (Yugo), Milinovic (Yugo).

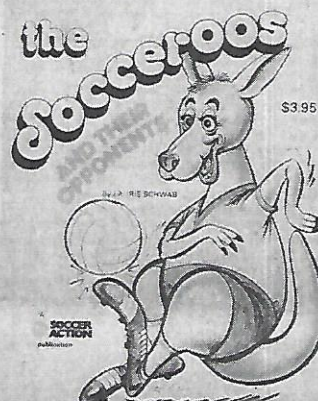
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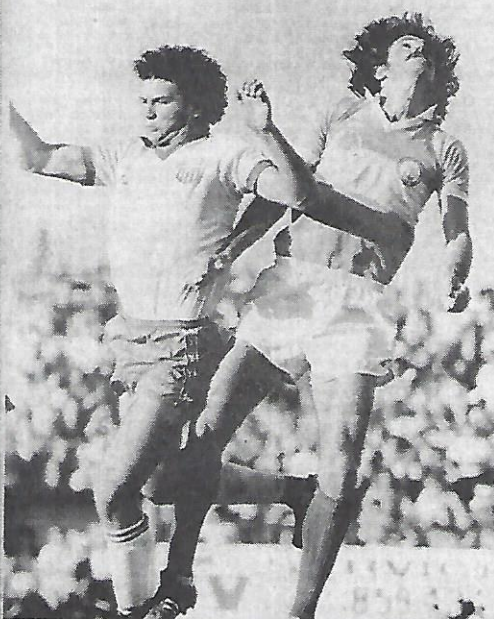
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Eddie Krncevic in the Australian guernsey.



If Krncevic joins South Melbourne he will team up with international team mate George Christopoulos (left) pictured in a heading duel with Murray Barnes of Sydney City.



# John Frank: man in the hot seat

By ALEX VESIC

Born in Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) in 1930, John Frank spent most of his childhood in war-torn Europe. His family migrated to Australia to set up a new home in 1949.

Like so many migrants in the post-war years, young John had language difficulties that impaired his chances of doing what he liked most — journalism. To overcome the problem he studied English at night.

John then had to go through another period of schooling to obtain a matriculation certificate. In 1956 he dreamt of entering the media was fulfilled. He became part of the ATN Channel 7 team as a floor manager. His skills soon came to the fore and only six months after entering the TV industry he found himself directing shows.

Since there were no specialised fields in those days he was involved in all spheres of TV work: news, religion, sport ... etc.

In May '59 he was released by Channel 7 to join the affiliate Channel 9 in Brisbane as production manager. Seven years later he was still in Brisbane and still with Channel 9.

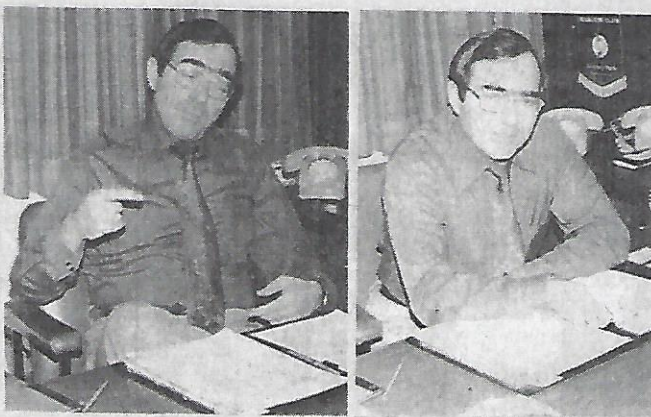
In 1966 he decided to try his hand at something new. He decided to go it alone and returned to Sydney to become the Australian manager of the American Roller Games. Two years later he went to America to further his knowledge of company affairs and was soon back in Sydney to start his own business.

In addition to managing the American Roller Games in Australia, John was directing and producing TV programmes and commercials. He was co-promoting theatrical tours and even toured on soccer, getting involved in the first tour of Australia by Dynamo Moscow.

"I read with interest about the plans to form a national soccer league," he says. "I must admit that my knowledge of soccer was sparse but my experience in administration appeared to have satisfied the criteria for the job, so I applied. I felt it was a challenge."

The third year of the Philips League brought some criticism from a number of prominent soccer men in the land. Some of it was directed at the Philips League manager, John Frank.

Few have sought to explain or emphasise the view from the Philips League side of the fence



John Frank, seen through the camera of Alex Vesic during their interview.

or, in this case, from its most prominent representative, John Frank.

Did he ever get the feeling that the criticism was not warranted?

"The rules of the competition are made to be adhered to and since some parts of our rule book appeared to have had holes in it — a few people took advantage of it," said John.

He was referring to a recent case of a suspended player who served his "sentence" by playing in a hastily organised friendly match during midweek.

Since the rule book stipulated that suspension could be served in an official or friendly game a number of players sought to serve their "one week suspension" in midweek friendlies.

And there was little that John Frank could do about it. Recently he suggested that the rule be changed to avoid confusion and possible chaos (e.g. player being suspended for three competition matches, serving a sentence in one week).

Since then the rule book has been altered. But about the time of the change, the affair of John Coyne surfaced, exposing the "hole" in the rule book to the public. John Frank was criticised left, right and centre and he freely admitted that he was "morally wrong".

"I am in the decision-making seat and dealing with 14 clubs is not such an easy chore. You cannot always please everyone and since I am in the middle of it, the brunt of the attack by the displeased will be directed against me," said John.

Many people feel that the Philips League is becoming stronger and will become one of, if not the major League in Australia. What does John Frank think?

"I saw the potential three years ago and I still see it. Much of the potential is yet to be realised and I am working with the Philips League committee to iron out a few problems that are standing in the way of this great game."

"I'd also like to see that some of my work has helped soccer along the way."

"Our everlasting problem of the acceptance

of soccer by a wide cross-section of the Australian sporting public is slowly but surely being solved. We have to fight the "battle of soccer" which countries like England, Hungary, Brazil or Argentina do not even have to think about.

"To succeed, we must join forces — clubs, players, journalists and officials alike. Despite the differences that exist between our problem and those of other countries, we should learn from others. We should not "go it alone" and attempt to create an individual Australian-type soccer establishment."

"Not copy, but learn from others. Our own ideas should find their place and we must adapt to our needs of the systems already applied so successfully elsewhere."

These are just some of the ideas of our man at the top, the manager of the Philips Soccer League. He studied systems in Britain, West Germany and the U.S. and is convinced that some of the ideas should be borrowed from those systems.

According to his analyses, the West German system should be used as the guideline as it offers the best possible solutions which our administration needs.

Totally professional in its concept and execution, the West German system offers a true guideline for our system, which is still semi-professional and in most cases, voluntary.

I am sure that John has soccer and its success at heart. I am also convinced that the concepts and execution of many soccer systems in the world look so superbly carried out simply because of one reason — soccer has existed as a professionally-run system there for many decades.

Australia, on the other hand, has to overcome the popularity of Aussie Rules, Rugby League and other sports to get the nod from the public.

The number of youngsters playing soccer in Australia is an encouraging sign.

Soccer is certainly the most popular sport among youngsters and the day shouldn't be far

off when the Sydney Sports Ground, or maybe Sydney Cricket Ground as well as Cricket Mecca, the Melbourne Cricket Ground, roars during a soccer game.

A little patience and a little more co-operation from the media as well as the soccer public and, we shall get there.

John Frank has been criticised recently for some of the decisions made on behalf of the Philips Soccer League. Did anyone venture to find out just how many people are involved in decision-making within the walls of our Philips Soccer League hierarchy before the criticism was applied?

I think most find it far easier to "bag" an individual and roast the man they think is responsible. How much more sensible would it have been to suggest a solution rather than criticise a decision, how much more constructive would it have been for all of us to suggest some changes in the rule book (which we are supposed to know) long before the "accident" happened?

Well, I think that most clubs would have stood to benefit from the loophole in the rule book, so they refused to do anything about it. When the rule happened to work against a Philips League side, the tables had turned and the whole thing turned sour. Everyone jumped on the bandwagon and "bagged" the decision to allow a player to serve a suspension during a mid-week friendly.

How many people offered advice? Constructive criticism is always welcome and will help our game in the long run. To succeed in our aim to lift this game and become the number one sport in Australia we need people with a lot of patience, people with great knowledge of soccer administration, people with professional attitudes and business-like ability to succeed.

John Frank, the manager of the Philips Soccer League of Australia, is the man who would get my vote for having all these characteristics.



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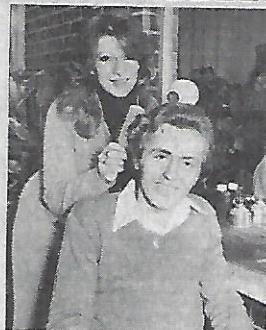
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## 'BOILED LOLLY' IS NOW GOLD CHOCOLATE

Queensland's newly formed State League, after one year in existence, should act as the guiding light to other forward-thinking administrators around the country.

Although the formation of the league this year brought hardly a murmur from southern circles and rarely gained the Press coverage in the Sunshine State that it deserved, it has been the single most important development in Australian soccer since the Philips League.

Why? Because it is Australia's only true State league in any code and if Queensland, without the resources of other States, can meet with success, who knows what is possible in the more affluent south?

The Queensland Soccer Federation, with ageless president Bill Waddell and tireless secretary Alan Vessey at the helm, deserves unstinting praise for its efforts in establishing this visionary competition.

Waddell, in an interview in Rockhampton before the start of State League, said the competition was the highlight of his 14 years as QSF president, a period in which he has seen soccer in the State grow from 'a boiled lolly to an old gold chocolate'.

The 25,000 juniors registered in Queensland now have two goals at which to aim — the State and Philips Leagues," he said.

And by providing these youngsters with tangible evidence that distance is no problem if they want to taste the best that Australian soccer can offer, the QSF has done more for the development of the code than the importation of 10 Kevin Keegans could ever hope to achieve.

The only major soccer playing areas of the State not covered by the league are Mt Isa, Townswoomba and Mackay.

But only Mt Isa, by Australian standards, is out of range for a State League club.

Townsville United goalkeeper Phil Figgins actually disregarded this when he travelled regularly from the mining city to Townsville in the early days of his State League career.

The success of the competition can be gauged in many ways — but by far the most significant measurement is the response it has received in country areas.

But the four country centres, with Townsville United leading the way, have quickly established a backbone of around 1000 supporters.

This is no mean feat when one considers Philips League club St George, situated in a city of more than three million people, can average only twice or three times that amount.

Townsville United is clearly the trail-blazer of the new competition, modelling itself closely, albeit in vastly smaller proportions, on Philips League club Newcastle United.

The northerners average a home gate of about 2000 and topped the 3000 mark for a game against inaugural State League champion Grange Thistle.

Central Queensland club Frenchville United, from Rockhampton, is not far behind, with average gates at its splendid Ryan Park ground of 1300.

Frenchville has the resources of its adjacent sports club to draw upon and is currently planning extensions worth about \$30,000.

Mareeba United, the league's most northerly club and one which has to travel more than 1000 kilometres for an away game with Gold Coast City, has done remarkably well for such a small town.

Bundaberg club, Across the Waves, also lies on the 'new-Australian' connection and has been prosperous at the turnstiles. An average of about 1100 for the league's initial wooden-spooners is something many southern clubs would envy.

The four Brisbane clubs — Grange Thistle, St George Souths, Southside Eagles and Mt Gravatt — plus the two neighbouring clubs already mentioned, have been less prosperous off the field, although no-one can deny their success on it.

By MIKE COCKERILL,  
"Morning Bulletin,"  
Rockhampton

Few critics could argue that the QSF's bid to awaken Queensland soccer has been unsuccessful.

With that in mind it would be suicide if southern soccer administrators refused to take note.

The dream of a Philips League Second Division is a long way from becoming a reality and the formation of true State Leagues around the country is the best method of bridging the gap between Philips League and the top metropolitan competitions.

And Queensland, despite an air fare and accommodation bill of around \$120,000, has surely breathed life into the prospect of similar proposals in other states.

New South Wales, with Queanbeyan club Inter Monaro, and Victoria and South Australia with outlying capital city suburbs of Frankston and Elizabeth respectively, have made only token efforts to justify naming their top competition State League.

And these States are considered the pacesetters in the improving fortunes of Australian soccer.

A suggestion and indeed a worthwhile one, is for administrators from South Australia, NSW, Victoria and even Western Australia and Tasmania to hang the expense and make a visit to Queensland to confer with QSF officials and delegates from the 10 State League clubs.

The infectious enthusiasm of all concerned with the code in Queensland surely would rub off on southern officials and pave the way for the establishment of a true State League in every State of Australia. Soccer can be the only winner.



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# BARGAIN-BUY DAVIDSON MOST WANTED MAN IN SOCCER

By  
KYLE  
PATTERSON

Australian youth international Alan Davidson could be the centre of a massive player chase next season.

Davidson, 19, has said he is unhappy with the state of affairs at South Melbourne, and may consider leaving the club.

Many players each season declare their intentions to find a new club but if Davidson decides to quit Souths, he will be the most wanted man in Australia.

Davidson, one of the brightest prospects in the country, is on a free transfer, and can move to another club at will.

Is there another Soccerroo playing in the Philips League who is on a free transfer? I doubt it.

For this reason, young Davidson will be chased by several clubs and bidding will be frantic if he decides to make a switch from South Melbourne.

With transfer fees threatening to skyrocket, a teenage international with proven PSL ability is worth his weight in gold. The obstacle of a hefty transfer fee is removed in Davidson's case, and many clubs will be quick to spot the bargain.

Davidson joined South Melbourne at the start of this season from Victorian State League club Altona City for \$1000 after a proposed deal with Footscray JUST fell through.

South Melbourne's poor performances this season have a lot to do with his dissatisfaction.

"It's a joke really," said Alan. "I joined South Melbourne because I thought it would be a top team but this season has been a disaster for the club."

"Fighting relegation is the last thing I thought I'd have to do at South Melbourne. No one enjoys playing in a struggling team but this is my second season of relegation worries. Last year Altona had to fight to avoid the big drop."

Many people rib Davidson about that, saying he's a jinx.

But he laughs off such talk. "There are some Croatian supporters at work, pleading with me not to join Essendon."

Alan's dissatisfaction goes deeper than the team's place on the ladder.

"There's been a bit of unrest in the team and this trouble has affected our performances," said Alan. "There are too many players who take the whole thing as a joke and don't care what goes on."

"Not enough players put in at training. I reckon to give 100 per cent at training is the only way, but some of the squad just don't care."

Granting South Melbourne has problems, what would have to happen before Davidson would decide to stay?

"First, South Melbourne must stay in the Philips League," said Alan. "I'm sure no player at South would want to play in the State League."

"My own future will depend a lot on talks I have with Sam Pappasavas (president of South Melbourne). We have to discuss terms."

"But most importantly, I want to wait and see how the team shapes up for next season. Rumour has it that some new young players will be joining the club, and some of the present squad will be leaving."

"It's a matter of wait and see."

Davidson is anxious to stay in the national limelight, and in the eye of Rudi Gutendorf.

The major reason for Davidson's rapid rise from a State League unknown to a PSL regular was his involvement with the Australian Youth team.

Under Gutendorf, Davidson toured New Zealand and later played in South America.

However, Alan has been missing from the many national trials and he fears he may have done his Soccerroo chances harm.

"Earlier this season Rudi contacted me on Monday night and wanted me to fly out on a Tuesday for some trials," said Davidson. "But I had to say 'no' because it wouldn't have been fair to my employers."



South Melbourne is trying hard to build a team of young, local players. Two of them are Kiri Kyriakoulas (above left) with Hilton Silva) and Chris Kalafatis (heading clear, top).

They've been pretty good to me, but I don't want to be taking time off too often.

"Later I received a telegram from Rudi asking me to attend another trial. Unfortunately I was injured, and couldn't go."

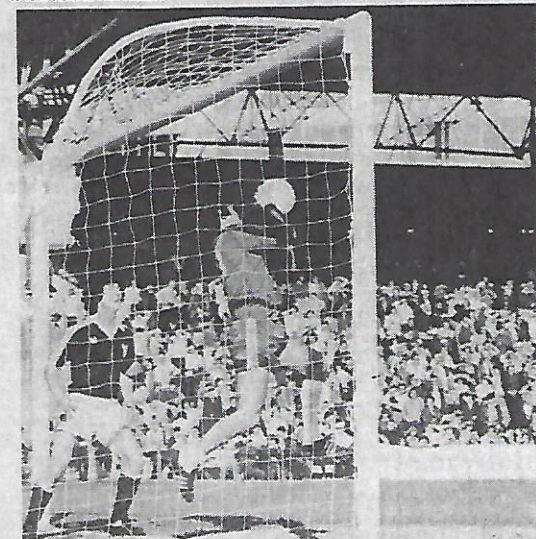
Gutendorf, it seems, isn't sympathetic to the problems faced by part-time professionals.

"After the second time I turned him down, he got upset. He asked: did I really want to play for Australia? Of course, I want to represent Australia but I can understand Rudi's feelings."

"He doesn't tolerate mucking round and is deadly serious about soccer. He's got a job to do and he wants his players to be professional as possible."

"The fact that I didn't go to any trials may go against me. But Rudi said that as long as I kept playing well, he would take me into consideration."

Davidson is quietly confident that he will be included in the full Soccerroo squad to tour Asia in November.



Alan Davidson (left) covers for his goalkeeper Yakka Banovic in Victoria's 2-4 loss to Norwich City.

The advantage Davidson and all the other youth internationals have is that they've worked with Rudi on tour before. "Rudi is a tough coach. Discipline is a big thing with him," Alan said. "No-one is allowed to relax on tour. I suppose this is a good thing but sometimes I thought we were controlled too much."

"We all found out how tough Rudi was during a training camp in Sydney. We played three full games in one day, and Rudi wanted 100% in every game."

"By the last game, everyone was half dead. I couldn't move but still Rudi shouted at me to put more effort in. It was torture but that sort of thing gets you fit and into the right frame of mind."

Davidson is not one to gripe about hard work. In fact, he revels in it.

I asked him if he was surprised by his rapid rise to fame and subsequent success. "I look at it this way: you get out as much as you put in. I've done a lot of hard work and that's the reason I've progressed," he said. "But I wouldn't call it success."

A word on the 'Roos' Paraguay jaunt, which was as controversial as it was successful.

"There was no way that tour was a flop," said Alan. "There were a lot of things against us but, adapting to the climate and conditions was the hardest."

"I'm sure if the Paraguayan youth team came to play in Australia, having strange food, a different climate and an unfriendly crowd, we would get results. It would have been a far different story to what happened in South America."

Alan said the Australian team that toured South America had the best players available.

"I'm not saying that just because I was part of the team," added Davidson. "There was a tremendous amount of class in the side and this has been proved by the number of ex-youth players who are now in the Philips League."

To refresh memories, the Soccerroos' results in the South American Youth World Cup tournament were: v Israel 0-0, 0-0, v Paraguay 0-2, 0-3.

As well as aiming for the 'Roos' Asian tour, Alan has set his targets on a place in the Australian 1982 World Cup squad.

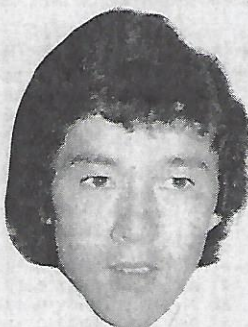
"I'll be 21 in 1982 and would have three seasons in the PSL behind me," said Alan. "I'm sure I can be a serious contender for a place."

"I realise playing full back is my best chance, as there are more top midfielders around than there are full backs."

Davidson's switch to full back with South Melbourne brought some inspiring performances but he won a place in the Victorian team against Norwich City in a midfield role.

"I'm pretty adaptable and don't mind playing either position," said Alan. "Full back is perhaps a little easier, because when you attack the opposition rarely marks you."

"The good thing is that Rudi used me at full back in the youth team. He knows what I can do."



Alan Davidson

Davidson's adventurous full back play brought criticism from many quarters. The general opinion was that he neglected his defensive duties.

"That annoys me, because Mike Pye and I were told to attack from full back," he said. "The plan was for us to come through from behind and for the midfielders to hang back a bit."

"But the midfielders didn't do this and we were often caught with seven or eight men in attack. It was the midfielders' fault for not giving cover. I was encouraged to go forward."

Unfortunately for Alan, he has more than his fair share of critics, who think he runs around too much in midfield, instead of keeping position.

"I don't agree with that criticism but I do like to be involved all the time," he said. "I have to be isolated on one side of the park and not touch the ball for 15 minutes."

Sometimes you can be running hard for 10 minutes but not touch the ball. Hate that and so I'll go to where the ball is to get into the play."

But that's Davidson's game. He's fast and super-fit and knows only to give 100%.

And for a youngster who's conquered Australia's national competition and made a grand start to an international career in the space of seven months, he's very much at home.

## Wollongong to follow KB's PSL plans

The bid by a group of Wollongong business and sporting identities to put the city into the 1980 Philips League, has drawn widespread acclaim.

Paul Trisley and Dick Puxty of Newcastle KB United, Max Talbot of Canberra City and St George president, Alex Pongrass all immediately made themselves available for consultation with the provisional Wollongong board.

"Soccer needs a big Wollongong club and the resources of St George will help them speed up their planning," Mr Pongrass said.

The club will start from scratch, but will be administered by John Elliott, managing director of Harrigan Ford and currently Wollongong Lions Club secretary; Alan Hoy, director of Win 4; Greg Best, South Coast regional director for the Sports and Recreation Council, and Wollongong City librarian, Richard Drake.

Other board members are George Ackaoui, migrant group councillor for the Bank of New South Wales and honorary counsel for France; Jim McCormack, managing director for James McCormack Pty Ltd, and local chartered accountant Graham Mathews.

The Illawarra District Soccer Association is expected to add the eighth board member.

Wollongong Lord Mayor Frank Arkell, Parliamentarian Laurie Kelly, the State's speaker, and Eric Ramsay are backing the move.

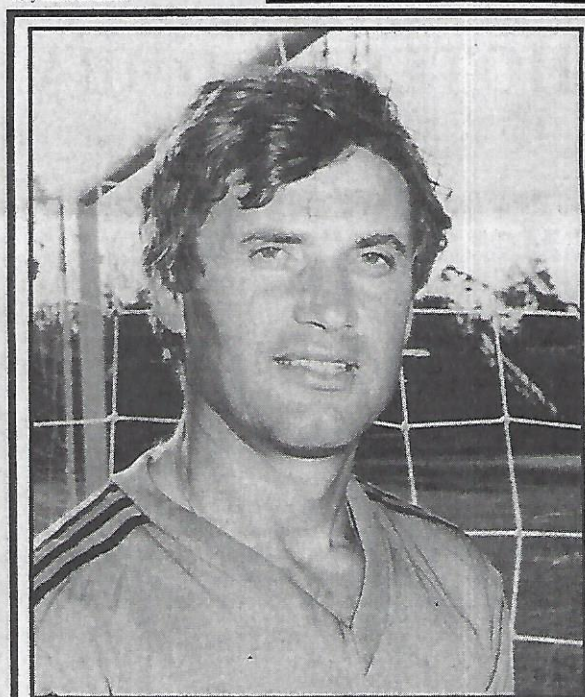
"We put a letter of intent into the Philips League straight away, and propose to invite Philips League manager John Frank to meet us," club spokesman Jim McCormack said last week.

"Our aim is to take the name of the City of Wollongong throughout Australia with a deal of pride next season."

Casey Debruin, Illawarra's Coaching Director, believes that only seven Illawarra players are up to Philips League standards, so recruiting will be necessary.

Debruin, former South Coast, St George, Melita and Sutherland player, took the Illawarra team on a successful four-match tour of New Zealand a month ago.

"As a group, I believe we have the best under-19 players in Australia, and some of those lads would make the grade to help us through our initial season," Debruin said.



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## Makedonia's shrewd dealings

Preston-Makedonia is one of the few clubs that made a profit on transfer dealings this year.

It spent \$14,250 to buy local players and it paid the air fares and signing-on fees of four players imported from overseas.

The club got the money back, and made a small profit, by selling Peter Laumets to

South Melbourne for \$10,000, Tim Brewerton to Kellilor Australia for \$2500, Gary Hooper to George Cross for \$2500, Chris Petrov to Park Rangers for \$2500 and a few other lesser known players.

Makedonia manager-coach Tony Vrzina denied strongly the speculation in last week's "Soccer Action" that the season had cost the club \$100,000.

Vrzina pointed out that the players' pay scale of \$70 a win, \$40 a draw and \$20 a loss was

not as high as the wages of other clubs.

About claims that Makedonia had been comparatively unsuccessful this season, Vrzina said: "We are in the semi-finals of the Dockerty Cup and only Frankston City has won more games in the league."

"How can you call that unsuccessful?"

"Of course we are disappointed by the recent losses but we remain the best team in the league."

Ajax needed a lot of luck to beat us two weeks ago. Their goalkeeper, Lou Denys, had a phenomenal game. We may have lost, but at least we provided the crowd with one of the most entertaining spectacles of the season."

Vrzina said that club president John Branov had set out from the start to help the club achieve its best financial results yet.

The club also planned to build a social club and had applied for membership of the Philips League, Vrzina said.



# PSL STANDINGS

	HOME									AWAY								
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MARCONI.....	6	4	2	23	16	8	2	1	30	11	53:27	4	38					
SYDNEY CITY.....	6	1	5	23	18	7	2	2	19	7	42:25	1	30					
BRISBANE CITY.....	6	2	3	18	10	6	3	3	16	15	34:25	1	30					
* Heidelberg.....	6	3	1	16	9	5	3	4	20	17	36:26	1	29					
Adelaide City.....	4	3	4	15	14	6	3	3	23	12	38:26	1	27					
Newcastle KB Utd.....	4	2	19	11	4	4	4	4	18	17	37:28	1	27					
West Adelaide.....	6	2	4	17	10	4	2	5	11	17	28:27	1	25					
APIA-Leichhardt.....	4	2	5	13	15	5	1	6	12	16	25:31	0	21					
Canberra City.....	2	4	5	11	19	4	4	4	13	14	24:33	0	20					
*Sydney Olympic.....	2	3	6	8	13	5	2	4	14	11	22:24	0	19					
Brisbane Lions.....	4	1	7	15	24	3	4	4	10	14	25:38	0	19					
Footscray JUST.....	4	1	7	12	19	3	2	6	11	18	23:37	0	17					
St George BSC.....	3	3	6	12	20	3	2	6	13	21	25:41	0	17					
South Melbourne.....	3	2	7	15	18	1	1	9	5	25	20:42	0	11					

\* Match in hand, to be played tonight (Wednesday) at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

## PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

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BYRNE (4) (Marconi)	JOVANOVIĆ (4) (Foots)	VILLANI (1) (Adel. C)	
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MARCONI 2 APIA 0. Ratings by Alex Vesic.

MARCONI: Maher 8, Brogan 8, Russell 9, Prskalo 9, Dagnay 7, Byrne 9, Vior 8, Henderson 8, Krcevic 8, Jankovic 7, Sharne 8.

APIA: Woodhouse 7, Pullen 7, Dempsey 7, Wilson 7, Skellern 8, Stone 7, Rampant 8, Butler 6, Roberts 6 (Turnbull 60th), Reed 6 (sent off), Vernon 6 (Drews 60th).

ST. GEORGE 2 HEIDELBERG 2. Ratings by Mike Johnson.  
ST. GEORGE: Fraser 6, Harris 8, Della-Picca 5, R. O'Shea 7, Utjesanovic 7, J. O'Shea 6, Gnavi 6, Mihajlovic 6 (Key 75th), Cotton 4, Hensman 5 (Injured), Fenoughy 5, 44th, O'Connor 7.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 6, McMillan 7, Bannan 7, Yzen-doom 7, Tansey 7, Campbell 7, Taylor 7, Rooney 7, Cole 7, Paton 8, Buljevic 7.

ST. GEORGE 0 BRISBANE CITY 1. Ratings by Mike Johnson.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 7 — Harris 7, Utjesanovic 7, Grosse 7, R. O'Shea 7 — Mihajlovic 6 (Key 60th), Gnavi 6, J. O'Shea 6 — Cotton 5, Fenoughy 5, O'Connor 5.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7 — Perry 7, Potter 7, Ratcliffe 8, Wilkinson 7 — Pimblett 7, Coyne 7, Gaffney 6 — Brusasco 6, Low 5 (Caldwell 60th), Campbell 7.

SYDNEY CITY 2 NEWCASTLE KB UTD. 0. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8 — Mullen 9, O'Connor 7, Kershaw 7, Bruce 7 — Stevenson 8, Barnes 8, Souness 8 — Watson 8, Trenter 7, Silva 7 (Campbell 77th).

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8 — Willis 7, Drinkwater 8, Bortogna (Cowburn 7, half time), Curran 7 — Sneddon 8, Senkalaki 7, McClelland 8 — Hays 7, Boden 7 (Mason 80th) Treddinick 7.

CANBERRA 1 HEIDELBERG UTD. 2. Ratings by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA CITY: Hozowski 8, Mouli 7, Milovanovic 8, Hogg 7, Farrell 8, Byrne 8, Stark 7, Cant 7, Brown 7, Kawaleva (Lustica 68th), MacLaren 7.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7, Tansey 7, McMillan 7, Rooney 7, Bannan 7, Yzen-doom 7, Taylor 8, Campbell 7, Paton 7 (Bozilas 73rd), Buljevic 6, Cole 8.

FOOTSCRAY 0 WEST ADELAIDE 1. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 8 (inj. sub. Ciric 7, half-time) — Ristic

8, O'Reilly 8, Kondaric 8, Hazabent 7 — Rujavic 7 (sent off, 40th), Picloane 7, Jovanovic 9 — Palinkas 8, Ollerton 9, Lujic 9.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 9 — Tymczyaszyn 7, Kambas 8, Jones 6, Pantaria 7 — Dootley 7, McCulloch 6, Boyle 7 — McGregor 6, Norris 8, Kosmina 7.

BRISBANE LIONS 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

LIONS: Lownds 7, Lawrie 6, Bennett 7, Harmiston 7, Ontong 8, Ogden 6, Spearritt 6, Millman 8, Conner 6 (Hughes, 46th), Fairbrother 8, Brennan 6.

OLYMPIC: Wilson 7, Laing 8, Bell 6, K. Wilson 7, Rowden 7, Jamieson 7, Raskopoulos 6, Cross 6, Jennings 8, Eaton 6, Scott 6 (McIntosh 38th).

ADELAIDE CITY 3 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0. Ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Russell 8, Perin 8, Dodda 8, B. Nyakohus 7, Marocchi 7, Villani 9, Muniz 7, Marwe 7 (Mel-tal), J. Nyakohus 7, Kent 6.

SOUTH MELB: Boland 8, Kalafetidis 6, Kyriakoulas 6 (Carri), Pye 6, Baxter 8, Wright 6 (Cummings), Lutton 7, Kantonis 7, Evans 7, Campbell 7, Ristovski 6.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 APIA 1. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 7, Lawrie 7, Bennett 8, Harmiston 8, Ontong 10, Spearritt 8, Ogden 8, Millman 7, Conner 6, Fairbrother 8, Brennan 7 (Hughes 80th).

APIA: Woodhouse 7, Skellern 8, McGinn 7, Dempsey 9, Turnbull 8, Stone 8, Rampant 8, Carruthers 7, Butler 7, Reed 7, Roberts 8 O'Donnell 77th).

Leading averages:

8.0 Prskalo (Marc).

7.9 Crook (WA).

7.8 Perry (BC).

7.7 Potter (BC), Clarke (SC).

7.6 Woodhouse (APIA), Ratcliffe (BC), Lujic (Foots), J. Campbell (H'berg).

7.5 Harmiston (BL), Rooney, Buljevic (H'berg), Drinkwater (Newc), Jankovic, Sharne (Marc), S. O'Connor (SC).

7.4 R. Russell (AC), Wilkinson (BC), Davies (Can), Kondaric (Foots), Bannan (H'berg), Curran, Boden (Newc), Henderson, Krcevic (Marc), Souness (SC).





Members of the Showbiz 11 get in some practice with the team's mascot Christine Johnson, an entrant in the Miss Sports Girl of Victoria Quest. Pictured from right: Stan Munro, Tony Pantano, the Paddle Pop Lion, Andy Scott and Richard Rushton.

## It's Press v Show Biz

Stan Munro, Tony Pantano and John St. Peeters, together with experienced soccer players — all members of the "Aussie Showbiz Eleven," will provide great entertainment when they play the Press soccer team at Olympic Park on Sunday September 9 at 1 pm in the curtain raiser to the Heidelberg v Brisbane Lions game.

There'll be fun for all the family as they execute the finer points of play, as only first class entertainers can.

"Paddlepop Lion" will be there with free Paddle Pops for the children. The match aims to raise funds for Yooralla.

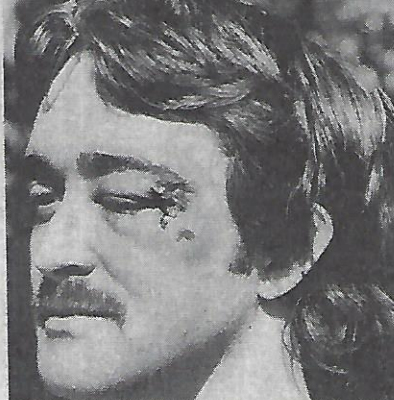
# Belic to cover for JUST bad boys?

Marconi wrapped up the championship by beating APIA 2-0 last Sunday, so interest switches to the fight for the top four and the struggle against relegation in the remaining three rounds.

Footscray J.U.S.T., perched perilously in third-last position, may have to call upon State junior representative

Vlatko Belic for the match against Brisbane City in Brisbane on Sunday.

Belic and Zoran Ilioski are



Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Steve Potter the morning after colliding with Graham Norris of West Adelaide last Sunday. Picture by LES SHORROCK

By LAURIE SCHWAB

likely to be the replacements for Mirko Rujic and Igor Hazabent who are suspended. J.U.S.T. has been playing well enough to avoid relegation but will have to play even better to cover for the absence of Hazabent and Rujic.

Belic should not be underestimated. He has lots of skill, he's tall and he's strong. He was top scorer of the national under 18 championships this year.

J.U.S.T. will play it tight in the hope of snatching at least one point, with St. George closing fast from behind. Saints meet APIA on Sunday and should win.

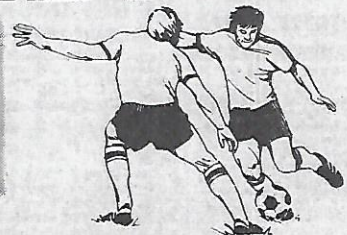
Brisbane Lions and Sydney Olympic, the other two teams fighting against relegation, are unlikely to win this week, although Olympic's strong defence could earn it a draw with Sydney City.

Lions travel to Melbourne to meet Heidelberg United which is hell bent on finishing second and gaining confidence for the top four series.

Heidelberg will be in second place if it beats Sydney Olympic in their deferred match at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday). Adelaide City will return to the top four only if Heidelberg

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13. Krncevic (Marc).
10. Smith (SC), Low (BC).
9. Sharpe (Marc), Cole (H'berg), T. Byrne (Can), Brennan (BL).
8. Boden (Newc), Deans (AC).
7. Norris, Kosmina (WA), Barnes (SC), O'Connor Cotton (St. G), Drinkwater (Newc), Paton (H'berg), Reed (APIA), Kent (AC).
6. Eaton (SO), Watson (SC), Heys (Newc), Buljevic (H'berg), Piccione (Foots), Kelso (BC), J. Nyskohus (AC).
5. Stevenson (SC), Evans (SM), Palinkas (Foots).

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4. Boyle (WA), Jennings (SO), Souness (SC), Lutton (SM), G. Byrne (Marc), Curran (Newc), Taylor (H'berg), Fairbrother (BL), Caldwell, R. Campbell (BC), Butler (APIA), Northcote, Villani (AC).
3. Pillans (WA), Trenter (SC), J. O'Shea (St. G), Mariani, Henderson (Marc), Summerscales (Newc), Rastovski (SM), Ollerton (Foots), Grujic (Can), Spearritt (BL), Coyne (BC), Marwe (AC).

The three predominant features that stood out in the preliminary games of the well-organized national under 16 championships at St George stadium, Sydney, was lack of finesse on the ball, lack of composure and skill close to goal and tremendous aggression in the tackle.

Possibly the most skilful player in midfield build-ups was Chris Spanos from West Australia, with his team mate Neil Cooke one of the strikers to impress.

Victoria, surprisingly tipped out of the championships by South Australia in extra time of the first semi-final, had Greg McLeod, Angelo Petrakos and Ian Waugh who caught the eye.

Tasmanian striker, Craig

## Fight: yes, finesse: no

By Mike Johnson

Nicholls also looked a useful prospect.

The tall South Australian Romano Rossi moved well for a big lad and was composed on the ball during the lead-up to the final game between S. Aust and NSW.

The games received added atmosphere with the parents and boys from the nearby coaching clinics attending in the afternoon.

Almost 400 children attended the clinics on the outer fields of the stadium over four days.

Many top coaches attended the games. Gerry Chaldi, Alan Vest, Len McKendry, Eric Worthington and Ray Richards were there looking at the prospective professionals.

Best player of the week was Clark Anderson of Queensland. Here are the results of the preliminary games:

Queensland 1 Victoria 4, NSW 4 Tasmania 0, ACT 1 N. NSW 2, W. Aust 1 S. Aust 1, N. NSW 1 W. Aust 0, ACT 1 S. Aust 2, Queensland 3 Tasmania 0, Victoria 1 NSW 1, Tasmania 0 Victoria 3, Queensland 0 NSW 1, ACT 0 W. Aust 0, S. Aust 1 N. NSW 2.

SEMI FINALS: Victoria 1 S. Aust 2 (after extra time), N. NSW 0 NSW 2.

## CROWN TO NSW

NSW 3 — S. AUST 0

St George Stadium  
Scorer: Calderan 3  
Referee: D. Miles 8  
Weather: fine, cool.

NSW: Veneri 7, Woods 8, Watt 7, Duke 7, Carter 8, Stark 8, Patikas 8, Cassachio 7, Batten 7, Savidis 7, Calderan 9.

S. AUST: Richardson 6, Tyerman 6, Pellizzari 6, Tolman 6, Manou 6, Campbell 6, Doome 6, Fragomelli 6, Moss 6, Ross 6, Stegg 6.

NSW deserved its win over South Australia in the final of

the national under 16 championships.

It was the strongest team in the championship and though its early form was shaky — indicative of the short time the team had been together — in the semi-finals and especially the final it really turned on the power.

NSW's display in the final produced the most skill seen in any of the games as their confidence grew and they completely dominated South Australia.

The game was a personal triumph for Steve Calderan

who scored all the goals — all from crosses, two with his head.

However midfielders Jim Patikas and Brian Stark also had a big influence on the game, as did full backs Brett Woods and Paul Carter with their continual overlapping. The third goal came from a Carter run and cross.

This foursome got their reward by being selected for the Australian Under 16 squad which will play in Singapore later this year, yet ironically Calderan was overlooked.

South Australia's Romano Rossi and Brett Tolman were the only South Australians to gain selection.

South Australia on the day were no match for NSW.

In the semi-final against Victoria it had put on a fine second half display to win with a Rossi goal, but against NSW the second half surge never came.

Indeed, they did well to hold NSW to a three-goal margin, especially as Brett Woods missed from the penalty spot. MIKE JOHNSON

## Off to Singapore

The under 16 squad chosen for the Australian Squad to visit Singapore for the Lion Cup in December.

Goalkeepers: Tony Veneri (MSW), David Gilbert (Vic).

Full backs: Brett Woods (NSW), Paul Carter (NSW), Chris Miner (Nth NSW), Angelo Petrakos (Vic), Brett Tolman (S. Aust).

Mid field: Clark Anderson (Q'LD), Chris Spanos (W. Aust), Brian Stark (NSW), a Romano Rossi (S. Aust), Jim Patikas (NSW), S. Duke (ACT).

Strikers: Darren Taylor (N. NSW), George Savidis (NSW), Rob Erdog (Vic).

Reserves: David Watt (NSW), Greg McLeod (Vic), P. Dachs (ACT).

## Honor for Vic. skipper

By LEIF JENSEN  
Victorian Under 14 coach

Blood sweat and tears were the order of the day at the national under 14 championships in S.A.

With nine States competing, each State had to play eight games in seven days — a gruelling test for lads of this age.

Victoria, fortunately, came through the week without injuries and looked the fittest team.

Fitness, playing direct soccer plus determination, were the reasons for us winning the title.

Our centre forward, Steve Gojevic, became top scorer of the carnival and our captain Tony Owen received a trophy

for being voted the best U/14 soccer player in Australia.

Team manager Leo Hearn and I were proud of all our boys. We had 16 who were willing to give their all for Victoria. As our team song says, "All for one and one for all." This was shown to be true on the park.

A word of praise to the wonderful team of supporters who, with their singing and shouting, gave our boys strength when they became a little tired.

The tournament was organised extremely well and went on every day without problems.

A special thanks to our driver 'Bill' who took us to the games every day, to the lovely ladies who served us tea and coffee and the little ball-boys who were there through rain and sun.

On behalf of our boys I would like to thank Whylla for a wonderful week. May we see you all again soon.

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This week's top goalkeeper is MARTYN CROOK (West Adelaide) who leads in the voting.



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## Heidelberg shows how

CANBERRA CITY 1  
HEIDELBERG 2

Scorers: Canberra: Farrell, 33rd; Heidelberg: Buljevic, 2nd and Milovanovic 76th.  
Ground: Bruce Stadium.  
Crowd: 2,128.  
Referee: Ken Allen (Canberra).  
Cautions: Brown and Zdeno.

Memorabilia City directors: There is no substitute for age, experience and disciplined defence. With it, Heidelberg tumbled Canberra 2-1 last weekend and kept alive their hopes of a birth in the final four.

Heidelberg has put together a finely balanced combination. It has both flair in attack and toughness in defence.

Canberra has neither. With another home game facing them this weekend, Canberra must keep away from the bottom three placings — even possible relegation if it drops its bundle like last season and loses its remaining matches.

In fairness, however, last weekend's game didn't deserve a victory. A tied final scoreline would have been the fairest result.

But let's take a quick look at Canberra's defensive laxity.

Heidelberg hit the goal trail after just two minutes. It left the crowd dumbfounded.

With virtually their first attack, Heidelberg had scored. Big, tough and these days a more mobile Gary Cole positioned himself perfectly for a floated free kick and headed it goalward. Underneath was the ever-dangerous Branko Buljevic — left alone on the edge of the box. He headed caught Canberra's keeper Steve Hosowski wrong-footed and found the roof of the net.

Full marks to Canberra for fighting back, for within minutes a nice building was well finished by Donald MacLaren and only Yakima Bannovic's cat-like reflexes enabled him to save MacLaren's close-range, well-struck shot.

It was a see-sawing half with first one side and then the other attacking.

Buljevic, again left loose, poked in a hard penalty shot and Hosowski showed fine anticipation by narrowing the angle and getting down to smother.

Hosowski, in fact, had another fine game and pulled off several excellent saves.

After 30 minutes, the initial half had gone and Canberra seemed unable to break Heidelberg's tough defence but Isaac Farrell showed the way in the 33rd minute.

Canberra had been awarded a free kick on the edge of the box and Farrell struck it perfectly to avoid the wall and in it went after having first rapped the upright.

And that was the interval score although Heidelberg had had the better of the half.

Tansey, MacMillan, Rooney and Bannovic were all in defence and their hard tackling usually saw them coming out with the ball.

But both sides wasted chances.

Canberra's Ken Kawalewa, for instance, should have shot when put through. He got within six metres of the goal and with only Bannovic to beat instead passed to the tightly marked MacLaren whose shot was easily saved.

Cole, too, missed chances although on one occasion only a magnificent sliding tackle from Hosowski, one more reminiscent of a defender than goalkeeper, saved the day for Canberra.

Heidelberg showed when on the break that a direct method to goal is still the best.

It always beats — and always will — the slow, one-two type build-up. And in Cole Heidelberg have a striker well able to cope with long balls.

His dashes up the middle must have made Canberra fans drool at the thought of a big, strong, fast-moving striker leading Canberra's charges.

The same fans also must have been impressed by the tightness of Heidelberg's defence, particularly the strength in tackles of such players as MacMillan, Tansey and Bannovic.

But the longer went the second half the more one expected a draw.

Then came the 76th minute decider. Jima Campbell and Mike Milovanovic clashed in a solid tackle and when Milovanovic tried to turn the ball back to Hosowski, his effort

## Ontong tops at full back

BRISBANE LIONS  
APIA 1

Scorers: Lions - Spearritt 36th, Fairbrother 67th APIA - Stone 88th

Ground: Perry Park, Brisbane.  
Crowd: 850.  
Weather: Cool (night match).

Referee: Moe 6.  
Cautions: Brennan (LI), McGinn, Turnbull (A).

Brisbane Lions snatched yet another two invaluable points in its bid to avoid relegation when it downed an unlucky APIA 2-1 in a deferred match at Perry Park.

Lions thus completed a four-match unbeaten run, following drawn matches with big guns Brisbane City, Sydney City and Newcastle United.

APIA did not really have anything to play for in this game as they are well out of the top four hunt, but they will play a lot worse than they did, and win in the future.

The original match was deferred because APIA had Greg Woodhouse, Peter Stone and Terry Butler in the NSW and Queensland line-ups, but yet the team eventually was not much better off when skipper Peter Wilson and fullback Mark Pullen could not get time off work.

Lions' revival has been due to its greater resolve in defence and also the comeback of experienced midfielder Eddie Spearritt, who not so long back had been forced out for what looked like the rest of the season.

The match was also highlighted by a remarkable performance from Lions' usual from number Paul Ontong. Ten point ratings should not be given lightly, but Ontong, who produced his finest performance since joining the club, was worth every one of them.

Cochran Matt Carson, with Alan Niven out for the season and John Lavelle injured, experimented with Ontong at leftback in Newcastle, the previous Saturday, where his pace enabled him to mark KB's Graham Heyes out of the game.

Ontong again responded with a scintillating display, tackling feverishly, helping to set up regular attacks and at one stage clearing an APIA shot off the line. There is no doubt that APIA played the most constructive football, but as coach Ray Richards said afterwards: "It's all pointless if you don't score goals."

The first clear cut chance did not occur until the eighth minute, when Fairbrother took a throw-in to Conner, who beat his man and found Spearritt, who blasted over the top.

Lownds blocked a dangerous raid from APIA's most impressive striker, Elwyn Roberts and at the other end, Woodhouse was called on to smother a Brennan shot.

Woodhouse, looking like Sepo Maier in his long black shorts, was astray in his distribution, and twice poor goalkeepers were almost intercepted by Brennan and Fairbrother.

An Ontong, Brennan, Millman move ended with Ontong cracking one wide, then some tremendous skills from Rampanti were wasted when Carruthers was wide of the target.

Lions finally broke the deadlock in the 36th minute with a splendid team goal. Lownds cleared to Herminston, who found Brennan with a great pass on the halfway line.

Brennan slipped a pass to Millman, who scooted away on the left in a good overlap. He crossed, APIA only cleared partially and Spearritt steadied and drove fiercely into the left corner.

Lions were under heavy pressure for the first 20 minutes of the second half, but APIA assisted by missing some easy chances. A Reed cross was dropped by Lownds, and Stone's shot was cleared out of the goalmouth by Ontong.

Roberts robbed Ogden on the halfway line, combined with Rampanti and Butler, with only Lownds to beat, blasted well over the bar.

Midway through half, Lions made it safe following an Ogden corner, which was headed on by Brennan, before the opportunist Fairbrother dived in to finish off.

Woodhouse made a brilliant save of a Millman header and Conner also could have scored at the end of a long breakaway.

Ontong cleared another shot off the line to signal the apparent end of APIA hopes, but in the dying minutes, Stone's shot deflected off a defender and beat Lownds, and although the linesman had raised his

## Coach angers Andy Scott

BRISBANE LIONS 0  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0

Ground: Perry Park.  
Weather: Fine.  
Crowd: About 1000.  
Referee: Bill Jones, 6.  
Cautions: - Ontong (LI).

Champagne one week, beer the next, was the feeling at Perry Park after Brisbane Lions and Sydney Olympic went through the motions of football to register a dreary scoreless draw.

It brought the local patrons down to earth with a thud after the heady display provided by Brisbane City and Marconi the previous Sunday.

Olympic naturally would have made the trip to Brisbane with the feeling that a point would be adequate, and while the point for Lions is also valuable, they at least tried to win the match.

It was just that they were, on the day, simply not up to the task and a couple of times in the second half could have been punished severely had Olympic not been such a poor side.

Lions had their triers again. Leftback Paul Ontong, who had another strong match, midfielder Ronnie Millman and centre forward Barrie Fairbrother.

Olympic played in fits and starts, with the pick being striker Graham Jennings, fullback Derek Laing and midfielder Alex Jamieson.

The major talking point of the first half was the replacement in the 38th minute of Andy Scott by Dave McIntosh.

Scott was clearly disbelieved and stood staring in disbelief at coach John Xipellias before trudging towards the bench.

Lions clearly made more openings in the first half with Fairbrother, Millman Eddie Spearritt and Willie Conner prominent, but there was little effective finishing.

The second half opened a little more promisingly, when a Snouritt cross and Brennan flick-on left Millman set up, but his shot was blocked by centre back Ken Wilson.

Spearritt and Millman put Brennan through a gap in the 56th minute. He brilliantly beat three defenders and entered the box but the enigma that is Brennan resulted in his final shot swerving woefully towards the corner flag.

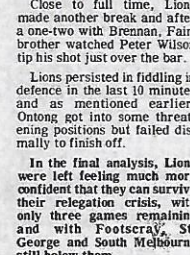
Both sides ploughed away for most of the second half with the mistake-ridden reaching a depressingly high level and it took a forceful run by the adventurous Ontong to give Lions some hope in the 83rd minute.

Ontong raced almost the length of the field and eventually substitute Alan Hughes' shot was blocked by the rapidly retreating Olympic defence.

Close to full time, Lions made another break and after a one-two with Brennan, Fairbrother watched Peter Wilson tip his shot just over the bar.

Lions persisted in fiddling in defence in the last 10 minutes and as mentioned earlier, Ontong got into some threatening positions but failed miserably to finish off.

In the final analysis, Lions were left feeling much more confident that they can survive their relegation crisis, with only three games remaining and with Footscray, St. George and South Melbourne still below them.



Paul Ontong in action.

## Glory, but no points

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.O  
WEST ADELAIDE 1

Scorer: McGregor 84th minute.

Ground: Middle Park.  
Crowd: About 1200.  
Referee: Beazleigh 3.  
Cautions: McCulloch, McGregor, Kambas, Norris, Hazzabent, O'Reilly (Footscray).

Sent off: Rujovic (Footscray) 84th.

The scoreline shows a victory to West Adelaide, and that's all that really counts in soccer, but this was a triumph for Footscray in so many ways.

Mirko Rujovic was sent off the field in the 40th minute, after he had played extremely well in midfield.

Had it not been for the handicap of playing with only 10 men, Footscray would have left Peter Ollerton in attack instead of pulling him back into midfield. This alone probably would have guaranteed victory, for in the first half, Ollerton created chances galore for his team mates.

After missing many chances, the Blues looked set to gain at least a draw but with six minutes to go, left back Peter Ollerton lost sight of Ian McGregor who sneaked to the far post and headed home a cross from John Kosmina who had broken well on the left flank.

But the goal did not erase the brilliant midfield play of Footscray's Slobodan Jovanovic, the commanding presence of Ollerton, the spectacular breakaway runs of Zdravko Lujic and the dour application of the Footscray defenders.

West Adelaide offered little that could match the Footscray effort. Goalkeeper Martyn Crook showed his brilliance. It was he and Footscray's bad luck in front of goal that prevented the result going the other way.

West Adelaide's marking in the middle of the field was extremely slack. It was in the middle that Lujic and Ollerton did most of their damage, and the blame must go to Jones for allowing the Footscray men too much space.

The match was marred by the poor refereeing of Tony Beazleigh (again). Consider this:

• With Gordon McCulloch lying on the ground, Beazleigh rushed back to take action over an incident he had not seen. He chose to send Rujovic who had retaliated but he did not so much as talk to McCulloch although the latter had earlier been shown the yellow card and had been involved in one rough-house incident.

• He did not even award a free kick when Graham Norris rushed in and connected with the head of goalkeeper Steve Potter who was unable to carry on after half time. Potter had several stitches to a bad cut above the eye.

• Beazleigh flashed the yellow card not on SEVEN times. Some of the cautions were justified, but why didn't he show the yellow card when Joe Palinkas shoved the ball in the face of West Adelaide's Peter Doyle, right in front of Beazleigh?

• He indicated a penalty for handball against West Adelaide, then ran to the linesman, came back and changed the decision, giving a free kick outside the penalty area, on the right hand side, for an earlier offence. Having overlooked that offence at first and, in effect, having paid attention to Footscray's way, how could he nullify that advantage by pulling play back after having acknowledged a penalty offence?

Highlights of the match included:

35th min: A through ball by Lujic finds Palinkas on-side, storming clear of the defenders. He covers a lot of open space, heading towards goal, with only Crook to beat, but shoots straight at him after the keeper had come out to find.

36th min: Lujic plays a fine diagonal ball to Ollerton on the left side. Ollerton cuts in and tries to place the ball over Crook but Crook narrows the angle well and saves.

37th min: Lujic caps a great run with a quick across the half. Palinkas brings it down and tries to shoot over Crook who makes a brilliant reflex save.

38th min: Lujic gets a great run and shoots past the oncoming Crook from an angle but Con Kambas is on the line to clear.

86th min: Kosmina gets away on the left and the defenders are pulled to that direction, he crosses to the far post where McGregor left

## Penalty save, penalty miss

ST. GEORGE 0  
BIRSBANE CITY 1

Ground: St. George Stadium.  
Crowd: 2007.  
Weather: cool.  
Scorer: M. Brusasco.  
Referee: Peter Rampley 7.  
Cautions: Potter, Caldwell, Campbell.

A well organised Brisbane City just about deserved its two points against an out of touch St. George.

The highlight of the game was a brilliant 1st half penalty save by Saints' Mike Fraser from Bobby Campbell.

That makes a remarkable four penalty saves in a row for Mike Fraser — he saved three from Newcastle United players in the semi-final of the Phillips Cup recently.

Fraser could not do anything, however, with a back pass from teammate Brendon Crose which was put away by Mark Brusasco two minutes after the kick-off.

That was enough for City to take the two points.

For half an hour St. George put together some brilliant short inter-passing movements in the first half which had City reeling.



Mike Fraser — saved penalty.

However, after the interval St. George became ragged and lethargic, relying on 'individuals' to pull something 'out of the hat.'

Yet they could have salvaged a point when a one-two between Rudi Gnani and Roy Cotton ended with Gnani being tripped in the box. Phil O'Connor put the resulting penalty kick just wide of the post.

In this second period Brisbane City looked very competent at the back and in mid-field, though up front central striker Campbell carried most of the attack on his big shoulders.

John Coyne and Frank Pimblett had an assured, professional look about their play and along with 'sweeper' George Potter and Campbell, up front, organised things well as St. George mounted the typical 'desperation' second half attacks of a team losing at home.

Fullback Steve Perry and Billy Wilkinson contained Saints' creative wingmen, O'Connor and Ray Cotton throughout the game.

David Ratcliffe had few problems with Nick Fenougy who failed to contest possession for the ball, especially in the second half when Saints were struggling to mount cohesive attacks.

Saints' coach, Raul Blanco's new State league buys Nick Fenougy and Tom Mihajlovic and both struggling to adjust to the pace and pressure of the Phillips League.

Both are creative ball players who fit into the Blanco mould of player capable of taking part in the precise short-passing build-ups which he prefers.

St. George had its run of eight undefeated games broken by Brisbane City which, with Barry Kelso in the attack to support Campbell, has a solid, efficient look of a team capable of winning games against anyone as the second half wore on.

Referee Peter Rampley kept a sense of humour with some irresponsible behaviour from Caldwell and Campbell

## Chinks in the armor

ST. GEORGE 2  
HEIDELBERG 2

Ground: St. George stadium.  
Crowd: 2466.  
Conditions: night-time, fine.  
Scorers: Paton 35m, Campbell 60m (Heidel), O'Connor 82m, 85m (St. George).  
Referee: Tim Davies 7.

The opening of the St. George stadium for night soccer brought with it the luckiest point that Saints will ever get.

Heidelberg on the night were a four-goal better team as they put together an outstanding evening game, a mixture of short inter-passing and dynamic forward breaks.

However, the two weak chinks in this brilliant team brought it undone right at the death.

One was the weakness in the air of the brilliant stop-stopping goalkeeper, Yakya Banovic and the other was the occasional confusion between the two centre backs, Pat Bannan and John Zdeno.

Heidelberg was coasting to a 2-0 victory, a scoreline that could so easily have been doubled, when with eight minutes to go Banovic misjudged a Phil O'Connor cross which sailed over his head into goal.

Then, three minutes later, Bannan and Zdeno, both excellent covering type players, yet not really suited as a pair, were caught square in the middle of the defence and O'Connor was in again to make the kick come a bizarre 2-2.

To St. George's credit they had kept plugging away in the last 20 minutes when Heidelberg began to ease off after 25 minutes of scintillating second half soccer which had brought one goal to Jim Campbell a scorching angled drive into the roof of the net a dubious disallowed goal, a shot against the crossbar and numerous

misses.

Jim Paton had scored the other Heidelberg goal midway through the first half, following a punch-out by Saints goalkeeper Mike Fraser, which did not get enough distance.

Paton was very sharp and carried his marker, Rudi Della-Piccia all sorts of problems, winning space for him in a variety of ways which gave him a truly professional look. He gave a lesson to all would be strikers.

The Heidelberg midfield was too good for St. George. Unlike Bannan and Zdeno, Campbell, Jim Rooney and Ken Taylor represent a good blend of styles.

Campbell provides dynamic running and finishing, Rooney defensive organisation and ball-winning and Taylor the passing.

Heidelberg can cover the chinks but not have presented any problem but Bertagna's unsuccessful pass-back to Phil Dando was pounced on by Mark Treuter who had no difficulty slotting it home.

At the start of the game, it was Mullen who brought the best out of Dando with a fierce drive when he broke away on the right.

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McClelland beat two defenders, then cut inside O'Connor and unleashed a great right foot shot which Todd Clarke just managed to flick onto the crossbar and over for a fruitless corner.

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## Slick soccer in Gosford

SYDNEY CITY 2  
NEWCASTLE KB 0

Scorers: Treuter, 24th, Silva 73rd.  
Referee: Tim Davis, 8 points.  
Crowd: 6730.  
Ground: Grahame Park, Gosford.  
Weather: Fine; ground conditions: Hard and bumpy.

Cautions: 50th K. Mullen (S.C.).  
Crowd: 6730.

The Sydney City team, known as the City Slickers, gave a particularly slick performance in defeating Newcastle KB United at Grahame Park, Gosford.

The fixture, the first P.S.L. match played in the area, attracted 6730 fans and was generally a promotional success.

On a hard and bumpy ground, Sydney City adapted themselves a lot better and dominated most of the match.

Their willingness to move up on their opponents and dictate play right from the start, had a big bearing on the outcome.

Newcastle suffered a setback when big central defender Bill Sumner pulled out of the game with knee trouble a day before the game, and his logical replacement Arno Bertagna injured an ankle the night before the match and had to pass a fitness test 30 minutes before the kick-off.

In addition, skipper Roy Drinkwater took the field with 10 stitches in his forehead, a legacy of an injury received the previous week.

Although his leadership and drive were not diminished, Drinkwater was visibly handicapped by his injury when going for high balls.

But this was not an excuse. Sydney City were too good on the day and dropped into their game right from the kick off.

It was not long before Phil Dando, the Newcastle goalkeeper, was brought into action. It was Joe Watson who thundered a 12 metre drive at the end of a neat build-up, but the KB keeper brilliantly flicked the ball over the bar.

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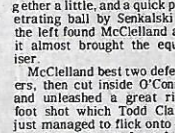
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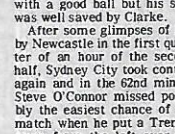
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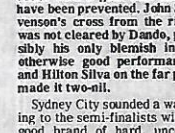
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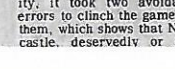
Steve O'Connor in action.



John Stevenson in action.



Arno Bertagna in action.



Roy Drinkwater in action.





## Villani in fine form

ADELAIDE CITY 3  
SOUTH MELB. 0

Scorers: Kent 50, Villani 60, Perin 82.  
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.  
Crowd: 2,200

Cautions: Melia (AC), Baxter (South Melbourne).  
Weather: Cool.  
Referee: Henry Witschge.

Adelaide City demolished South Melbourne 3-0 at Olympic Sports Field in one of its most convincing performances of the season.

After a poor first half, City put its game together and delivered a bonus point.

The side was throbbing with power after the break and finally had the packed Sports Field stand chanting with delight.

Meanwhile South Melbourne looked exactly what they are - a bottom side.

They played without confidence, particularly in defence where Stuart Baxter was the only player to show some grit and determination.

Up front, new boy Steve Kallantoni looked promising and was rarely beaten, while George Campbell, Mendo Ristovski and Alan Evans were all off form.

The only consolation coach John Margaritis can take from this performance is that his men refused to surrender and played their best soccer towards the end - probably due to City's attempt to get a bonus point which left them open at the back.

City attacked from the beginning and was justified in appealing for a penalty when John Nyskohus was brought out but referee Henry Witschge was not impressed.

City continued to pepper South's goal but apart from a few anxious moments had little to show for it.

Alan Evans came close in the 20th minute with a furious 25-metre free kick which Peter Marshall needed two grabs to hold while Gary Marocchi responded with a powerful shot from outside the area which flew over the bar.

Ristovski had the best chance of the half when he sprinted into the penalty area and cracked a great shot which Marshall tipped over.

City was greeted with a loud roar for the start of the second half and rewarded its fans with an unexpected goal in the 59th minute.

Chris Kent latched onto a loose ball five metres out, Denis Boland appeared to have the situation under control, but the nippy winger cleverly sent his header wide of the 'keeper's' outstretched fingers.

One minute later Kent headed again but this time Boland stopped it comfortably. Charlie Villani, in superb touch, had an excellent chance to put City further ahead but his fizzing 15 metre shot flew past the bottom of the far post. However he made no mistake seven minutes later when he blasted a great shot past Boland from a similar position.

John Perin, another City man at his best, fired a great drive from outside the area, but Boland tipped it brilliantly over the bar.

Perin succeeded seven minutes later when he ghosted through the defence and casually slipped it past Boland for the third goal.

City launched an all-out attack for a fourth goal and Villani almost got it in the 88th minute but his shot from the tightest of angles, trickled along the goal line and eventually into touch.

South retaliated immediately with Ristovski sending a flashing header wide of the far post after an Evans cross.



Charlie Villani

## Australia's champions

MARCONI 2  
APIA 0

Scorers: Sharne 25th, Krncevic 55th.  
Ground: Bosley Park.  
Crowd: 10,837.  
Referee: Chris Bambridge.

Cautions: Pullen, Roberts, Reed, Dempsey (APIA), Vieri, Henderson, Jankovic (Marconi).  
Sent off: Reed (APIA).

Marconi stroled to an effortless win against a depleted A.P.I.A. to record an amazing 18 points out of its last 10 games, and clinch the PSC championship.

At the half way mark in this year championship, Marconi was sitting on top with 20 points and A.P.I.A. was not far away on 18. Ten rounds later Marconi is on top with 38 points while A.P.I.A. is edging towards the relegation zone with only 21 points to its name.

With only three points out of the last ten matches the Leichhardt team is desperately needing to earn a point or two and edge away from the dreaded bottom half of the League ladder.

Henderson found Jankovic with his cross and the League's top scorer nudged the ball to the far post for Sharne, who angled the ball across the area and past the far post with only Woodhouse to beat.

Only a minute later, Sharne made up for it. Degney strode down the left flank before pushing the ball along the left touchline to Krncevic. The young Australian forward held onto the ball only long enough to return the favor by pushing the ball back to Degney, who was by then on the edge of the area and within shooting distance. His shot however, was misused and went through many legs to Sharne at the far post for an easy tap into the net.

With ten minutes to go in the first half APIA almost equalised. Rampanti raced through the area to the corner line before chipping the ball back for Reed inside the area and metres away from Maher. Reed pushed the ball wide of the upright from a good position.

With only ten men in the second half, APIA appeared to have lost the game long before the end. The men from Leichhardt fought bravely in this half but managed to show little for their efforts. In fact, their chances were few and far between. I am sure that bonus point would have been on. But in all honesty, one could not see the four goal difference between the two sides despite the fact that Marconi had the easiest of chances.

Krncevic in the 47th minute, then Henderson in the 51st, had their opportunities before Eddie Krncevic sent the Fairfield crowd into a frenzy with Marconi's second goal. Peter Sharne broke through the APIA midfield and with Krncevic and Jankovic supporting him against only two defenders the goal was "on". Sharne decided to give Marconi the opportunity and Eddie made it look easy with a first timer that flew past Woodhouse.

Some vicious fouls marred the last part of an entertaining game with Dempsey, Henderson and Jankovic getting the yellow cards for some over enthusiastic tackles.

With more than ten thousand spectators at the ground and some fine promotional activities both before the game and at half time, one cannot be too generous with words of praise for Marconi. It deserved to win the Championship and they did it in fine style. It is very difficult to see how they can be displaced at the top of the League after this year's effort.

With Krncevic, Jankovic and Sharne, they have the fastest attacking trio in the land. Krncevic and Jankovic are quite useful in the air to add to their foe's problems. Byrne, Vieri and Henderson haven't at all times shown the quality one would expect from players of their calibre, but in this particular game it was pleasing to see Byrne back at his best.

At the back, Prskala was outstanding with Russell playing a great supporting role. In fact, Marconi's captain, Ivo Prskala, proved to be the greatest asset and Marconi's trump card this year. His steady influence was the major factor in Marconi's ability not to cave under pressure in away games. It was in these away games that Marconi managed to get their biggest share of points and the just title of Champions of Australia.



## Drinkwater in doubt for Marconi match

**With the end of the Philips League championship so close, its match against competition leader, Marconi, at the International Sports Centre on Saturday, will be make-or-break day for Newcastle KB United.**

It is so near yet so far from a place in the final four and with only three matches to play, it must defeat Marconi to retain even a slim chance of gaining such a place.

Even should it account for Marconi, which won the first round match 2-1, KB United may need the assistance of some unexpected reverses in other fixtures to bolster its hopes.

After the clash with Marconi, KB United meets the much improved St George team in an away

match and then Footscray at home in the last fixture of the competition.

The match against St George will not be easy. It was St George which eliminated KB United from the Philips Cup by winning their semi-final, on penalty kicks at the International Sports Centre a few weeks ago.

Added to all this is the fact that KB United is still being hampered by injury. Roy Drinkwater, the team's sweeper and captain played with head bandaged in the match against Sydney City at Graham Park, Gosford, last Saturday.

That did not help in the healing of the head injury he sustained against Brisbane Lions a week earlier and he has received much treatment for the injury during the past few days.

It will not be known until Saturday if he can take his place, although Drinkwater being the dedicated team man that he is, will probably insist on playing as he did for the match against Sydney City.

## FOR NEWCASTLE SOCCER ACTION

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# KB, Cardiff snubbed!

**Newcastle KB United Soccer Club's future in the Philips League has been jeopardised.**

*This unexpected, and sorry, state of affairs, has been caused by a surprising and illogical decision by the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation to reject KB United's application to field a team in the State League competition the Federation will start next year.*

That competition will include teams from Newcastle, South Maitland, New England and North Coast districts.

The decision to reject KB United's application has caused considerable dissatisfaction in Northern Soccer circles and may yet have sorry and worrying implications.

KB United's future could seriously be threatened because of the inexplicable refusal to accept its team's nomination.

The club urgently needs some form of competition, apart from the Philips League, in which to field a team so that reserve members of its playing staff can play regularly to outfit them for immediate call to the Philips League side.

The five teams from the Newcastle and South Maitland areas accepted for the Federation's competition are Edgeworth, winner of the Federation's premiership in each of the past two seasons, Belmont-Swagoe, Wallsend, Stewarts and Lloyds and Weston.

The teams from centres outside Newcastle will be from Armidale, Tamworth, Coffs Harbour and Grafton.

The surprise inclusion is Stewarts and Lloyds Club which has a team in the Federation's third division competition.

However, the club has outstanding facilities and, apparently, was able to convince the Northern Federation's Board of Directors of its ability to

build a team of the required standard and to gather adequate financial backing.

The Cardiff Club, now a member of the Northern Federation's First Division, is another surprise omission. It is a club with highly attractive plans for its future, some of which are already under way. And it planned extensive changes had its application been successful.

In its 14-page application for a place in the new competition, Cardiff Club stated that not only has it a registered, licensed club, its own ground, an acceptable level of finance and plans in train for considerable expansion.

It also controls more than 30 junior teams and, as is well

known, has done a magnificent job in promoting the code in its district. It would not have any problems in fielding the three teams required by the Northern Federation.

Cardiff Club also has strong public support, and a highly capable coach.

He is the former Everton player, Mike Trebilcock, who scored two of that team's goals when it defeated Bolton Wanderers in an English Football Association Cup final at Wembley.

It is likely that the Cardiff Club will endeavour to have the Northern Federation review the position. It is certain to have the support of a number of other disappointed clubs.

However, it is the rejection of the KB United Club's application which is causing the most criticism and concern - even anger in some quarters. This is heightened by the fact that Mr Don Jones, who is president of the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation and Mr David Williams, a member of its directorate, are also KB United directors and so are well acquainted with the club's almost desperate need for a playing outlet of highly competitive strength for its playing staff.

Criticism of Messrs Jones and Williams is unfair since it is not known which bids for inclusion in the new competition they favoured or rejected.

Mr Paul Trisley, KB United's highly capable and energetic secretary, said he found it impossible to follow the Federation's decision or reasoning.

"We have not been given a reason as to why our application was not successful," he said yesterday. "We should very much like to know those reasons. We were confident that our application would be little more than a formality for we have much to offer."

KB United's application gave complete details of its ground and facilities, its playing strength, team management, estimates of crowds, past promotions and their future potential and the strongly proven media relationship and an undertaking to promote the team's inclusion in the Federation State League competition in the same manner as it does its highly successful membership of the Philips League.

The International Sports Centre, where KB United plays its home matches, would have been available for State League fixtures so that the club's legion of supporters could have watched top matches at the ground each Saturday.

Mr Trisley said that KB United's future will be placed in the balance because of the shock decision since a back-up playing outlet is vital and becomes increasingly so each week.

The club needs, almost urgently, that its playing staff has a second team able to play competitive soccer under the direction of the club's manager-coach, Alan Vest, who would, naturally, follow policies and tactics he adopts for the Philips League team.

It is obvious that KB United must have the means to duplicate all positions in its team so that when a player in the top side has to be replaced it can be done without undue upset or delay.

Support for this line of argument easily is provided by the instance of Ian Seddon's injury and his prolonged absence from the team.

Seddon suffered a severe ankle tendon injury during a match in the first round of the Philips League championship. The injury failed to respond to almost constant treatment and seddon recently underwent surgery in a bid to regain full use of the leg.

It took KB United some time to find a suitable replacement and to make team adjustments. During the delay the unsettled team lost five matches and surrendered the competition lead. Had a suitable replacement, seasoned by competitive play and tailored for the position, been immediately available from a "shadow" team, the story might well be different.

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**BOBBY SHINTON** — Wrexham-Manchester City — 300,000 pounds.  
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**BOZO BOKATO** — NK Zagreb-Sunderland — 250,000 pounds.  
**DAVID JONES** — Everton-Coventry — 250,000 pounds.  
**STEVE MCKENZIE** — C. Palace-Manchester City — 250,000 pounds.  
**CHRIS WOOD** — Forest-QPR — 250,000 pounds.  
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Villa-Brighton — 250,000 pounds.  
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**STUART PEARSON** — Manchester Utd-West Ham — 220,000 pounds.  
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**DAVE WATSON** — Manchester C-Werder Bremen — 200,000 pounds.  
**ALAN YOUNG** — Oldham-Leicester — 200,000 pounds.  
**DAVE MCCREERY** — Manchester U-OPR — 200,000 pounds.

Other moves included — **Alan Buckley** — Birmingham-Walsall, 175,000 pounds; **Dave Clement** — O P R-Bolton, 170,000 pounds; **Archie Gemmill** — Forest-Birmingham, 175,000 pounds; **Ray Evans** — Fulham-Stoke, 120,000; **Mervyn Day** — W Ham-Orient, 100,000 pounds; **John Hollins** — QPR-Arsenal, 70,000; **Mick Lambert** — Ipswich-Peterborough, 50,000; **Bryan Robson** — W Ham-Sunderland, 45,000.

Bob Stokoe who took Sunderland to their F.A. Cup final win of 1973 quit as manager of Blackpool after the club had signed Brian Smith from Bolton without his knowledge.

Charles Amer, chairman of Middlesbrough, described the game's money-making stars as a "Bunch of Dick Turpins".

Willie Johnston, the former West Brom and Scotland winger now with Vancouver Whitecaps, may return to U.K. and sign for Birmingham in a 100,000 pound deal. If it comes off Johnston would link up again with his old Scottish international partner Archie Gemmill, now with Birmingham.

Tommy Docherty, who has already spent 850,000 pounds on new players since taking over as manager of Queens Park Rangers, will splash out another 350,000 pounds for Brian Grenhoff of Manchester United if the player agrees to move south. QPR and United already have agreed on terms but Docherty faces competition for the player from Leeds United.

Scottish First Division club Clyde have a 14-year-old, Eddie McDonald, who is a striker in their reserve team.

Gordon Wallace, manager of Scottish First Division side Raith Rovers, is on the verge of signing a Zambian World Cup midfield player for his club.

Wallace, who was Dundee's central striker on their first tour of Australia won't reveal the player's name until he arrives in Scotland.

Experienced defender Garry Collier, who cost Coventry City 350,000 pounds recently, has lost his first team place after the opening game of the new season when he was faulted in two goals. Collier's place goes to 19-year-old Eric Gillespie whom Coventry bought from Falkirk for 78,000 pounds in 1978.

A brand new under 18 professional league gets underway in Scotland in September. Already clubs representing Celtic, St Mirren, Partick Thistle, Morton, Clydebank, Ayr United and Hamilton Accies have agreed to take part.



The Maltese national team, from left: Aquilina, George Xuereb, Tor Magro, Raymond Xuereb, Farrugia, Schembri, Gatt, Holland (captain).

## SHOULD MALTA FORGET I

Should Malta forget about international soccer? Its chief coach, Victor Scerri, thinks so.

"We should finally realise that we are unable to compete and after the current European championship, we should, for the time being, withdraw from the big international tournaments," Scerri said.

"During this period we should build up a new national team of young talents, and we should field them only against teams of a similar standard."

Scerri's suggestion was prompted by Malta's 0-7 loss to Wales in Wrexham in the European championship Group Seven match.

Angered by their coach's lack of confidence in their ability, the Maltese national team players gave it all they had and made up for the Wales debacle by holding West Germany to a scoreless draw at home.

However, fans who saw that result as a possible turning point for the long besieged Islanders, were to be disappointed. Malta failed to go on with the good work, losing 1-2 to Turkey away and 0-2 to Wales at home. Their next match is at home against Turkey on October 28.



Maltese national coach Victor Scerri puts his players through a training exercise.

## Santos' first post-P

**Santos won its 13th championship of Brazil when it defeated Sao Paulo in the final stages but this victory has special significance over the other 12.**

The first dozen, which were spread between 1956 and 1973, were won with Pele majestically

leading Santos. The 1979 championship was the first won without Pele.

When Pele retired from Santos and went to America, the success dried up. The early days without the King were the club's blackest.

Only at that moment did the Santos board of directors discover that without Pele they were nothing. They didn't prepare themselves for the "King's" retirement and were left without an heir apparent.

Nobody wanted to pay 100,000 or \$150,000 dollars as before, for watching a Santos without Pele.

They became only a good team just like so many others. Santos had big financial problems and had to sell other stars in order to pay the bills. Everybody in Brazil thought that Santos were dead. They died with Pele.

Santos did very poorly in the Sao Paulo and Brazilian championships of 75, 76, 77. In 1978 they started to build a young side

## 14 venues

**MADRID.** The organising Committee of the 1982 World Cup has announced the 14 Spanish cities where the competition will be held.

The committee, headed by its president, Raimundo Saporta, listed these locations for the 24-team final phase of the world championships.

Madrid, Barcelona, Alicante, Bilbao, La Coruna, Elche, Gijon, Malaga, Oviedo, Sevilla, Valencia, Valladolid, Vigo, and Zaragoza.

The first game of the world championship will be played at Barcelona Nou Camp Stadium on June 16, 1982, and the final match will be in Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on July 11.



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# World Cup opens no doors in West Germany

Luis Cesar Menotti, who turned Argentina into the world champions, would not be permitted to coach in West Germany unless he first went "back to school" to study for his German coaching licence. Success abroad would not be enough to qualify him.

Some call it a precaution, others call it arrogance.

The hard line of the German Federation deprives the Bundesliga (national league) of all the top-line coaches now active in other countries. Men like Ernst Happel, Helmut Senekowitsch, Rinus Michels and Miljan Miljanic could not get a coaching job in Germany unless they gained their German licence first.

Herbert Widmayer, head of the Federation of German Football Teachers (BDF) spells it out: "It is a precaution, but it is a well-founded one. We have a clear concept of football and its teaching and our courses of instruction lead the world. This is universally recognised. Even England, whose system was previously regarded as the model, has switched over to our three-stage plan."

This three-stage plan comprises a B-Licence for amateurs, A-Licence for the highest amateur division and Football Teachers Licence for Bundesliga and Second League. Foreigners who have a qualification from their own country are automatically eligible to try for the A-Licence. This entails three weeks' learning and an examination.

The high standards set for the Football Teachers' Licence result in only 25 people being qualified each year.

Karl-Heinz Heddergott, who is responsible for the development of coaches in the German Football Federation, says:

"It is not enough that one

By WERNER SCHILLING  
In the West German magazine "Kicker"

has trained Ajax. Success abroad does not give you free entry, for there are differing concepts in teaching. We must set certain standards and make certain demands on coaching candidates because our top Licence qualifies the holder not only to coach in the Bundesliga but also to teach soccer at federation level, in schools, in youth clubs and universities. Such people have to be taught systematically and be able to conduct themselves

in a way that their position demands."

Fair enough, but for top-level league football alone, wouldn't it be more realistic to accept previous success as a qualification to coach in Germany?

Different concepts do not necessarily have to be wrong. At least they stimulate discussion, provoke thought and promote further development.



Ernst Happel (left) of Holland and Helmut Senekowitsch (right) of Austria — not eligible to coach in West Germany.

## Manchester Utd v Argentina?

Manchester United is trying to entice the Argentine national side to England for a friendly match.

Argentina returns to Europe this month for matches against West Germany (in West Berlin, September 12), Yugoslavia (Belgrade, September 15) and then travels to America for a game with the Chicago Sting (Chicago, September 22).

Manchester Utd wants a game against Argentina at Old Trafford after the national team's match with Yugoslavia. It's believed manager Luis Menotti would prefer to play another national team, but may accept the offer from Manchester regardless.



The 1979 line-up of the great Yugoslav club Red Star Belgrade, standing from left: Jovanovic, Stojanovic, Muslin, Miletovic, Krmpotic, Jurisic. Front: Petrovic, Blagojevic, Savic, Milovanovic, Sestic. Missing: Zdravko Borovnica who guested with Footscray J.U.S.T. in 1977.

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The machine, developed in Sweden and retailing in Germany for about \$5000, has been bought also by various clubs in England.

## ENGLAND 'BEST IN WORLD'

How hard is it for foreigners to adapt to the English soccer scene?

Dutchman Arnold Muehren who, together with countryman Frans Thijssen, became key members of the Ipswich midfield last season, compares styles in the new "International Football Book," edited by Eric Batty and published in Britain by Souvenir Press.

"Football in Holland today is much slower than the English game, being more like chess," he writes. "Probably both England and Holland would benefit if they adapted their game and learned a little bit from each other."

Muehren, the first Dutch player to move to England, says play there is generally more exciting. "All the games are fiercely competitive. With Ipswich you

cannot be sure of winning even at home to the team at the bottom of the First Division. It is this high average level of ability that makes the English championship the best in the world," he asserts.

Muehren recognises that he had one advantage over some other soccer wanderers.

"I already spoke English when I joined Ipswich." Of his tiny son and daughter he says: "By the time they are five they should speak English very well."

Keegan, who has been elected European Footballer-of-the-Year, helped his club Hamburg to win the West German championship.

"The game in West Germany is very different," he says. "The Germans use a libero playing free behind

the defence and he stays deep so that there is virtually never an offside decision. There are almost no high crosses in the German game either. It is just as quick as in England but in a different way."

"I have found that the German game suits me better." He likes the personal duel of man-to-man marking. "You might say it gives me job satisfaction," he adds.

Should other players migrate to West Germany?

Keegan is frank. He knows players in England "who have the ability to star in Germany, but I think a lot would struggle with things like the language barrier."

"I had to learn the language, and I enjoyed that as a new challenge," Keegan adds.

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again and now, with the former player Formiga as coach, they succeeded in winning back the Sao Paulo title.

An "historic title," as Formiga said, the first one without Pele. It seems that they finally overcame Pele's shadow. Santos proved that they can survive without him.

Santos was champion in 1955, 56, 58, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67-69 and 1973.

With Pele they won the Libertadores da America Cup and Intercontinental Cup in 1961 and 62.

Pele was the big star but alongside him there were players like Dorval, Coutinho, Pepe, Pagao, Zito, Jair da Rosa Pinto, Formiga, Ramos Delgado, Edu, Mengalvio, Carlos Alberto and many others.

Santos followed Real Madrid as the top team in the world and played everywhere, winning everything with a very simple formula: to score goals. Santos never had a strong defence, but who cared about that when the forwards were Dorval, Coutinho, Pele and Pepe?

Santos matches used to produce very odd results. It was common in those days to win 7-3, 6-4 or 4-3. The club became a legend in Brazilian soccer. All over Brazil, from north to south, the kids knew by heart to name the Santos squad.



# Valeri bags four, Melita in the race

NSW State League

The NSW Pepsi State League leading goal-scorer, Walter Valeri, hampered home four goals for Monaro in its 5-3 win over Avala at Knight Park.

The game was marred by repeated infringements from both sides, but consolidated Monaro's position in the top four.

Monaro went ahead in the third minute when Valeri Trajanowski crossed from the goal line and Tony Morsello hooked the ball in from six metres.

One minute later a penalty was given against Avala for handball in the penalty area and Valeri put his spot kick safely into the corner of the net.

Vladan Rnjak reduced the lead in the ninth minute when he pounced on a ball mis-handled by Laurie Palec in the Monaro goal to score from eighteen metres.

Avala equalised in the 22nd minute through Gary Moorecroft, who was left unmarked and scored easily from eight metres.

In the fifty fifth minute Valeri scored again from the penalty spot following a trip on Sebastian Giampolo.

Valeri was in again eight minutes later with a 20 metre shot, the result of good lead up work from Giampolo.

Valeri was awarded a penalty for pushing on Zoran Duricic who made no mistake with the kick but Monaro already had the game safely in its keeping.

With midfielder Colin

McAusland in top form, Melita was two goals up within the first ten minutes.

Centre forward Don Allan opened the score in the fifth minute when he smashed a 12-metre shot into the net from a perfect pass by McAusland.

Five minutes later Brian Parker dribbled past the full-back before scoring from ten metres to make it 2-0.

But Yugal fought back and after a weak clearance by the Melita defence in the 27th minute, Hector Martinez scored a top goal from close range.

League leaders Croatia

made hard work of breaking a tight Ku-ring-gai defence before emerging the 1-0 victors at Bankstown.

Ku-ring-gai allowed the more experienced and skilful Croatia team ample space to exploit its talents before the interval, but Croatia failed to take advantage of its opportunities.

The speed of Maurice Sullivan and Wayne Coates along the flanks created almost constant pressure on the Ku-ring-gai defence.

Brian Taylor in goal was kept busy but the entire Croatia team lacked drive and rarely put themselves into a goal-scoring situation.

Ku-ring-gai defended solidly with Dick Chambers and Graham Birchall prominent but they only occasionally went into attack.

In the 41st minute Ku-ring-gai had a chance to take a shock lead but its forwards were too slow to follow up when goalkeeper Steve Watson dropped the ball after a free kick from Jim Herron.

Even after the interval Croatia did not lift its game but the constant pressure on the Ku-ring-gai goal mouth finally told in the 60th minute.

Blacktown City defeated

Paramatta City 2-0 in an electrifying match at Gable's Stadium.

Bankstown defeated Sutherland 2-2 in a dramatic match at Seymour Shaw Stadium.

A scoring spree in the second half gave Auburn an easy 4-1 win over Manly, despite a lack-lustre first half.

A scrappy match saw Marickville Olympic beat Arncliffe Scots 2-0 at Arlington Oval.



The Green Gully Ajax squad, as it was when it won the Ampol Cup early in the year. Ajax meets Albion Rovers in the vital relegation battle at Selwyn Park on Saturday. Standing from left: Nigel Daniels, Andy Segi, Joe Pavlekovic, Peter Donaldson, Mick Klarin, Steve Crilly, Vic Magro, Lou Denys, John Patten, Willie Vassallo, Dave Parkin. Front: Les Thomson, John Cain, Billy Vojtek (coach), Ian McCarthy (now Western Suburbs), Steve Carr (now Hellas), Missing: Steve Bennie, Jamie O'Donnell, David Hogben, Fred Beller.

## MURPHY BREAKS THE AJAX GRIP

GG-AJAX 0 CROATIA 1

Goal: Murphy 41st

Ground: Green Gully Reserve

Ref: Albion

Weather: Fine

Crowd: About 1800

Referee: Bob Henderson

Cautions: Segi (Ajax)

AJAX: Donaldson 8, O'Donnell 7, Bennie 6, Vassallo 8, Patten 6, Vojtek 6 - Segi 6, Perkins 7

CROATIA: Blasby 6 - Smart 6, Kokoska 8, Gaudier 7, Short 8 - Andrews 7, Murphy 8, Patika 7 - Cumming 7, Gilder 6, Culina 7

Ajax had its plans laid out early. Mick Klarin would take

Carl Gilder out of the game, Jamie O'Donnell would nullify

Tommy Cumming, a four-man

midfield would keep the game

tight and Andy Segi and Dave Perkins would attack in break-aways.

It worked for part of the game, but Croatia simply proved too much of a handful.

After a good early period by Croatia, during which Cumming stormed into the area and cut the ball square

for Gilder who shot past under pressure from Klarin, Ajax actually outplayed Croatia for a while.

The defenders were sticking to their man like adhesive tape, Willie Vassallo was

directing play from midfield, Billy Vojtek was doing some good subtle stuff and Segi was

fired up by an early clash with Steve Short.

But Ajax's best period was ended by Croatia's Steve Kokoska who flew from behind the pack to send a powerful

header crashing against the

crossbar after a Cumming corner in the 35th minute.

Then, four minutes from half time, came Croatia's winning goal.

Branko Culina, who was proving the most dangerous of the forwards, pushed the ball past Hogben and accelerated. He slowed down just inside the penalty area, waited and slipped the ball to Ken Murphy

who lashed it into the net first-time.

Moments later the partnership was at it again. Culina broke away, the ball went to

Murphy and he shot from just inside the area but this time Lou Denys made a good save.

Denys made another excellent save just after half time when he retreated to get at a shot from Boris Patika

who was doing a good job marking Vojtek.

Then Howard Andrews missed from close range after

Kokoska had played the ball square to him across goal.

Segi got away on a rare Ajax break and his square ball close in was missed by Patika. It went to Vojtek who hit it first-time straight at Peter Blasby.

Andrews went on a long run past Hogben and played the ball square for Culina whose shot was stopped by another brilliant save from Denys.

Steve Bennie played two excellent through balls late in the game. The second sent Segi away but Kokoska came across well to slide-tackle him.

Croatia is now well-placed to retain the championship it won last year - LAURIE SCHWAB

## Voting

This week's votes in the General Tourist Travel Service 'Soccer Action' State League, player of the year award:

SUNSHINE v ALBION

3 Nisbet (A)

2 Laing (S)

1 R Nelson (S)

GG AJAX v CROATIA

3 Murphy (C)

2 Vassallo (A)

1 Kokoska (C)

ALTONA v CROYDON

3 Edwards (C)

2 van der Poel (A)

1 McCombe (C)

SLAVIA v MAKEDONIA

3 Lawson (S)

2 Petrovski (A)

1 Cullen (M)

HAKOAH v FRANKSTON

3 Rigby (H)

2 Topolanski (H)

1 Gaudier (C)

GEO. CROSS v JUVENTUS

3 Matsson (GC)

2 McGuinness (J)

1 C. Lucchesi (J)

Leading votegeters:

24 McGuinness (Juve)

22 Cullen (Mak)

21 Whyte (Alt)

17 Cumming (Cro)

15 Williams (Slav)

14 Ellis (Suns), T. Young (Frank)

13 Pongho (Croy)

12 C. Lucchesi (Juve)

11 Gilder (Cro), Adams (Frank), Cowan (GC), Loh (Hak)

10 D'Sylva (Alb, B. Young (Frank), Hooper (GG), R. Nelson (Suns)

Leading goalscorers:

14 W. (Mak)

12 Gilder (Cro)

10 Mitten (Frank)

9 Swinscoe (Frank), Paparas (GC), C. Lucchesi (Juve), M. (Mak)

8 Cumming (Cro)

7 Brogan (Croy), Culina (Croy), Loh (Hak), McGuinness (Juve), Monaghan (Slav)

6 Murphy (Cro), Cowan (GC), Perkins (Ajax)

"We play some excellent soccer against Green Gully, but lost" said

Vrzina. "We need a more direct approach in attack, even if it means cutting out some of the pretty foot-ball."

(Gary Ward, dropped last week, got back into his old habit with a goal in the 38th minute. The move started when Cullen pushed the ball to George McMillan, who raced to the by-line, and cut the ball back for Ward to score.)

Slavia missed a good chance when Steve Aldridge, for the third time in two games, had only the goalkeeper to beat but ran the ball over for a goalkick.

Dave Griffiths had a shot from the right flank, where the injured Mike Rainey supported well from full back.

Dave Garthwaite was also carrying an injury, and had to be replaced by Gordon Fievelle, who was on the bench because of a doubtful back.

Best players were: Petrovski, Cullen, Rainey (Makedonia), Lawson and Westley (Slavia).

## SLAVIA 0 MAKEDONIA 1

Score: Ward (M) 38th

Ground: Showgrounds

SLAVIA: Neri, Thompson, Westley, Lawson, Cullen - Ward

(McLennan, Houston, Train - Ward)

Albion, Griffiths, Williams

MAKEDONIA: Kastner - Rainey, Higham, Garthwaite (Fievelle), Beach, Faulkner, Leabird, Petrovski - Cullen, McMillan, Ward

Preston Makedonia lotted out of its slump with a 1-0 victory over Slavia.

Makedonia lost three in a row before this game, and had taken many two points from its previous five matches, a run which saw the team fade out of championship contention.

Makedonia is now back in the running, but arch rival Essendon Croatia is favored to overhaul ailing league leader Frankston City.

Makedonia manager/coach Tony Vrzina changed his tactics for this game. He instructed his players to use the long ball as often as possible, to utilise the speed of forwards Robert Cullen and George McMillan.

## SUNSHINE 0 ALBION 0

Ground: Chaplin Reserve

SUNSHINE CITY: Contini - Diney, Lowe, Ellis, Howe - Mus

(McLennan, Nelson, A. Nelson - D. Nelson, Coyle, Gilmore)

ALBION ROVERS: Johnson - McLennan, Nisbet, Blair, Gatt

D'Sylva, Reilly, Thompson - Saliba, McCormack, Grechan

Albion Rovers grabbed a vital draw with Sunshine City after riding out a second half storm.

Albion, which had three goal-scoring chances in an opening flurry, is now three points adrift in last place, with a crucial game against Green Gully this week.

Mick D'Sylva worked into good positions early in the match when Albion started strongly. Twice he hit over the crossbar, and the third time had a shot saved by Alan Con-

tin, who was standing in for Peter Clarke, who had an illness.

After the opening, Albion was forced to defend Sunshine's best chance came when Rob Nelson intercepted a bad backpass by Joe Thompson, but stumbled with only Bill Johnson to beat.

Stewart Gilmour raced into the open, but Johnson was on hand to save the day for Albion.

"Alex Ward was missing from the Albion line-up through suspension, and his place was taken by former Green Gully full back Joe Thompson."

Best player for Albion was sweeper Bobby Nisbet, with all players grafting hard.

The midfield duo of Wil Laing and Robert Nelson was outstanding for Sunshine.

## Another title to the Vics



The Victorian under 14 team, champion of Australia. Standing - Leo Hearne (manager), Steve Gojevic, John Bruno, Spiros Karamitsis, Mark Perree, Andrea Zinni, Kirk Senior, John Campelli, Leif Jensen (coach). Kneeling - David O'Dell, David Roddis, Gary McDaid, John Tirrabassi, Tony Owen, Paul Beranic, Jim Corbett. Two boys front - Reno Lia, Danny Dezic.

## UNLUCKY TRARALGON

Traralgon City of the Latrobe Valley League must be the unluckiest team in Australia.

City has been undefeated for more than three months in 11 league and two Cup games, yet has failed to win the championship.

That honor goes to Pegasus, which finished with a better goal average. However, City can console itself by winning the Battle of Britain Cup. Its opponent, appropriately, is Pegasus.

The City reserves have won their championship and the under 16 side may also win the title.





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Scorers: Jordanou 30th,  
Loh 35th

Ground: Middle Park

HA KOAH: O'Hara - Owen,  
Baker, Dosen, Daperis - Rigby,  
Topolanski, McNeil - Loh,  
Gadsby, Jordanou  
FRANKSTON: Petersen - V.  
Bannon, Adams, Taylor, Par-  
rott - G. Bannon, Webster,  
Swinscoe - Mitten, Campbell  
(Coulson), B. Young.

Hakoah continued its re-  
markable run of success  
against the top teams when it  
defeated Frankston City  
2-0.

In six games against the top  
three teams, Hakoah has won  
three, drawn two and lost only  
once, to Essendon Croatia 0-2  
at Olympic Park in round four.

Unfortunately, inconsisten-  
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be remembered as an also-ran  
in season 1979.

Frankston had a chance to  
bolster its confidence for the  
crucial game against Preston  
Makedonia this week but  
collapsed and hit a new low. If  
not for the fighting Bannons,  
Ged and Vince, Frankston  
would be in even more trouble.

The Bannons were the only  
two Frankston players to give



Hakoah's aggressive striker Michael Loh

100% in a side devoid of spirit.  
Frankston started well enough  
but became shell-shocked  
when Hakoah raced to a 2-0  
lead in the space of five  
minutes in the first half.

The manner of Hakoah's  
goals was enough to give  
Frankston the wobbles. Anton  
Dosen was allowed to run 35  
yards unchallenged before  
passing to Gadsby, who hit a  
great cross for Bill Jordanou  
to put Hakoah into the lead.

About five minutes later,  
Michael Loh rocked Frankston  
when he shot against the bar,  
and followed up to rebound the  
ball past Frank Petersen.

After that Hakoah was in  
total command, with Shraga  
Topolanski and Dave Rigby  
dominant in midfield.

Hakoah pushed the ball  
around with confidence and it  
was one of Hakoah's best per-  
formances for several sea-  
sons.

David Baker and Bill Jor-  
danou were good players for  
Hakoah but it would be unfair  
to single out individuals in  
what was a great team effort  
and a credit to coach Bill All-  
ison.

Frankston missed the sus-  
pended Danny McCuskey and  
Tony Young.

## Will Frankston rally for Freddy Bunce?

Frankston City's dramatic slump could mean the end for coach Freddy Bunce, who has worked near miracles to get the bayside club to the top of the State League.

Bunce said unless the team started winning games again, he probably would be sacked or would have to resign.

"The club has said nothing  
about this, but it's my personal  
opinion that I will be pushed  
out if we don't start winning,"  
said Bunce.

Bunce, who is dumbfounded  
by Frankston's inexplicable  
decline, isn't too optimistic  
about Frankston's chances  
this week against Preston.

"The way the team is play-  
ing at the moment, it wouldn't  
beat any team in the State  
League," said Freddy. "All  
confidence has drained out of  
the team, and more impor-  
tantly, only two players are  
shining 100%."

Frankston's virtual surren-  
der over the past six weeks has  
thrown the championship wide  
open. Frankston, Croatia and  
Makedonia can all win the  
title.

If Preston Makedonia  
defeated Frankston this week,

which is favorite to do,  
Makedonia's match with  
Croatia at B. T. Connor Re-  
serve would decide the  
championship, if both sides  
won all their games.

Juventus has to play Make-  
donia at B. T. Connor reserve  
in a vital game.

Remaining fixtures of  
championship challengers —  
MAKEDONIA — v Frank-  
ston (a), Croatia (h) v Ju-  
ventus (h)

CROATIA — v Slavia (h),  
Altona (h), Makedonia (a)  
FRANKSTON — v Make-  
donia (h), Green Gully (h),  
Altona (a)

Frankston's title hopes, as  
Bunce said, will disappear  
with a defeat this week. Make-  
donia will be desperate to do  
well, and I think Preston will  
get the desired result.

If Juventus can defeat  
Croydon it would be certain of  
holding fourth spot. Juve  
would be three points clear  
with two games remaining,  
and wouldn't let that slip.

But, Croydon is having a  
fine run. Unbeaten in its past  
seven games, Croydon is a dif-  
ficult opponent for any team at  
home.

Bobby McGuinness is run-  
ning hot for Juve, but Croydon  
has State player Joe Tront  
leading a balanced midfield. I  
predict a draw.

Albion's fate surely will be  
decided once and for all this  
week when it clashes with 11th  
placed Green Gully. Albion  
has been waiting for this  
game, and playing at home  
could get a result.

Mick Klarin is in top form in  
the Green Gully defence, and

with Willie Vassallo and Billy  
Vojtek in midfield, Ajax has  
enough for at least a draw.

Mick D'Sylva is one poten-  
tial match winner for Albion,  
but I think Ajax will avoid  
defeat and doom Albion to re-  
legation.

Croatia must defeat Slavia  
to stay in the running for the  
league championship. Victory  
will put Croatia level on points  
with Frankston should the bay-  
side club lose, and this in-  
centive will spur Croatia on.

Hakoah, with Dave Rigby  
showing good form in the mid-  
field, will carry on from last  
week's impressive win over  
Frankston.

Sunshine, which has had  
some impressive results in the  
second half of the season,  
should beat George Cross,  
which has slipped over the  
past two weeks.

### ARGUS MEDAL WINNER DIES

Argus Medal winner Ian (John) McLeod was  
tragically killed in a car accident last Saturday.

McLeod, who won the Argus Medal for the  
best player in the State League while playing  
for Box Hill in 1957, died when the car, driven  
by his wife Anne, rolled near Wages on a  
return journey from Sydney.

McLeod's wife and youngest son Andrew,  
who was also a passenger in the car, escaped  
without serious physical injury.

The family had travelled to Sydney to watch  
eldest son Gregory play with the Victorian

under 16 team in the national championships.  
Greg travelled back to Melbourne by air with  
the rest of the Victorian team on Friday.

Ian McLeod was deeply involved with First  
Division club Box Hill, and club members  
were stunned by his tragic death.

Players, referee, linesmen and spectators  
observed a minute's silence in remembrance  
before Box Hill's game with Western Suburbs  
at Wembley Park last Sunday.

The Box Hill and reserve team players wore  
black arm bands as a mark of respect for the  
popular McLeod.

**SATURDAY**  
Albion Rovers v Green  
Gully (Selwyn Park)  
George Cross v Sun-  
shine (Olympic Park)

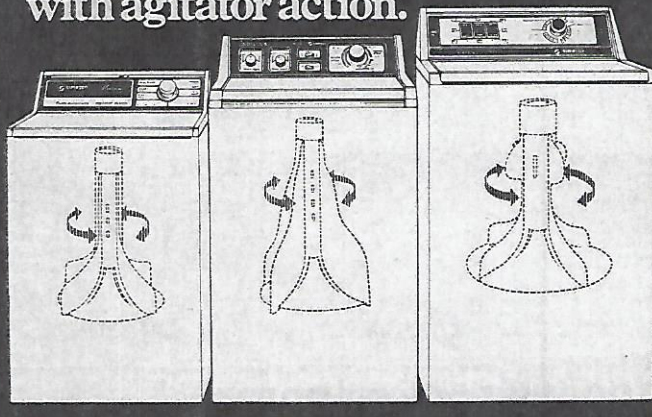
**SUNDAY**  
Hakoah v Altona  
(Middle Park)  
Croydon v Juventus  
(Croydon Park)  
Croatia v Slavia (Olym-  
pic Park)

Frankston v Makedonia  
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## Banovic lends a hand

The under 9 team of Sunshine City (Vic.) has been benefiting from the knowledge of Heidelberg United goalkeeper Yacka Banovic.

Banovic has been coming along to training sessions to help coach Luke Miletic, and the boys responded enthusiastically.

They are pictured after a recent 7-0 win over Altona in a match which Banovic refereed. From left, rear: Banovic, Miletic; middle row: Manos Koesatis, Shane Maschenki, Mario Adok, Richard Soldani, Bill Romanovski, Eddy Hrbolic, Luke Magill, Simon Thomas, front: Peter Miletic, David Romanovski, Jamie Parsons, Gjermil Alija, Bekim Alija, John Stojanovski, Missing: John Makris, George Anandandis.

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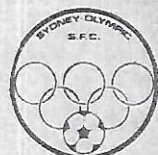
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